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President's Message

Is it time to do it again?

26 years ago, almost 1,000 birders across Illinois made a commitment to participate in a five-year survey of our state's breeding birds. The goal was "...to conduct a comprehensive and systematic statewide survey of breeding birds, to document their distribution and status in the state." In 1991, after several hundred thousand hours of volunteer time in the field, the survey work was completed, and the lengthy process of collecting, consolidating and analyzing the data began, culminating in the publication of *The Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas, Illinois Natural History Survey Special Publication 26*, authored by Vern Kleen, Liane Cordle and Bob Montgomery.

It's beyond the scope of this column to name all the myriad people who helped make this mammoth project a reality. But it's certainly fair to say this was a true commitment by our state's great birding community – to come together and work toward the common goal of capturing the data needed to assess the what and where of Illinois' breeding birds.

Why, do you ask, should we do it again? And even if we should do it again, isn't it too soon? There are several reasons:

Climate change is apparently having an effect on the breeding ranges of various species, especially some southern species, which appear to be making big moves northward. Land uses continue to change. On the positive side, restoration technology has advanced and has brought back some major habitat chunks available to our breeding birds. On the negative side, agricultural practices continue to change, and some of those changes may be having a profound effect on certain species. One of the goals of the first survey was to provide a baseline to monitor change. Some states have already completed their second round (our neighbor to the north is in the early stages of planning their second survey. And they completed their first survey nine years after Illinois). In casual conversations about the need for another atlas with some of our birding friends, some have asked: "Doesn't eBird make the need for these surveys a thing of the past?" I think the simple answer to that question is – No. While a great resource, eBird does not provide the rigorous, carefully designed database needed for a comprehensive atlas.

It is also certainly true that today's technology makes it possible to simplify and streamline the data entry process. Can't you just see it – surveying an atlas block and immediately entering your data into a dedicated user friendly website, using your smartphone, iPad, etc.!

As you read this column, we have simultaneously activated a simple on line survey, asking whether you would be willing to volunteer for field surveys, what part of the state do you reside, are you willing to help in the overall organizing process, etc. We will be providing access to this same survey to all the state's birders, IOS members and non members alike, via IBET, the Illinois Birders Forum, BCNnet, and other appropriate listservs. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Given the degree of advance organization required, it's likely the first field work would be the spring/summer of 2014 at the earliest.

Are you in?

— Robert Fisher

Letter from the Editor

Let's flock together ...

IOS President Bob Fisher's message in this issue about a potential second Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas brought back memories. I really learned my breeding birds those five summers, including the sounds of young Yellow-headed Blackbirds begging from their natal marsh, as well as the fact that female Bobolinks look nothing like the males. That was long ago, and the memory reminds me that learning about birds and their behaviors and plumages continues indefinitely.

During the atlas, I discovered the Yellow-headed Blackbirds nesting in a marsh located on a gun club's property – the owners graciously allowed me to survey the area. I also discovered Yellow-headed Blackbirds nesting, in the same atlas block no less, in a marsh with a few houses on one side. Those blackbirds are no longer nesting in either place, and as you may know, this species might one day become extirpated from our state. It might be disheartening to go out in the same block and not discover the blackbirds, but the information would be important to tell the story of this bird's nesting status in Illinois.

I also remember the Western Meadowlark that sang in Lake County all summer long while I was working on the project, plus the discovery of three different Cedar Waxwing nests and how the bird sneaks in from the bottom of the tree to get to its nest. What joy to see the wide gapes of the nestlings as their parents plunked food into their mouths.

I would so enjoy embarking on that journey again, but it seems we are all so much busier now than we were back then, at least I seem to be – and I wonder would we be able to do it again? Would I? But there's one really important reason that has me thinking now is the time to repeat the project. It would bring us together. It seems sometimes, just as the nation seems divided, birders in Illinois can sometimes be divided. For one, there are all those contests out there where birders are doing big days and trying to beat one another, which can sometimes lead to divisiveness.

So, if all the birders in the state embarked on a single project, would that not be a way to bring us together? We can share stories about what we're seeing, help each other out and create more information for ornithologists. I'm willing to give it a try. We need the flock of birders in our state to pull together for the good of each other and birds, just like, if I may be so bold as to say, we need a nation less divided and more interested in helping out our fellow mankind.

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Bohm Woods and the SIUE Nature Preserve: Valuable Conservation Assets for Southwestern Illinois

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Introduction

Madison County, located in southwestern Illinois along the Mississippi River near St. Louis, was historically characterized by a mosaic of diverse habitat types. This included rich bottomland and upland bluff forests, shrublands, wetlands, and a variety of prairie types. The diversity of habitat supported an equally diverse avifauna. Unfortunately, agriculture and urbanization have dramatically altered the landscape, replacing natural areas with crop monocultures, manicured lawns, buildings, roads, and parking lots. Today, the remaining habitat is highly fragmented and overrun with invasive plant and animal species.

Recently, there has been a concerted effort to identify and protect the few remaining areas of natural habitat in this region. In 2006, Bohm Woods was added to the Illinois Nature Preserve system. This 92-acre preserve was purchased by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources using funds from a settlement with Dynegy, Inc. over noncompliance with the Clean Air Act (Davis, 2006). While relatively small in size, Bohm Woods encompasses the highest quality old growth forest remaining in the region. The landscape is impressive, with loess hills interdigitated by networks of steep ravines, draining into a bottomland hardwood forest that is part of the Cahokia Creek floodplain. Massive hardwoods and a rich assemblage of understory vegetation offer native birds a degree of vertical complexity that is unusual for the region.

The 2660-acre campus of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) is located immediately to the south of Bohm Woods and includes some of the largest remaining forest patches in the area. These upland forests have a mixed disturbance history. The majority of forests on campus were agricultural land prior to development of the campus ~ 50 years ago. However, small areas of old growth persist in association with ravines.

In 2010, a faculty-led initiative resulted in designation of ~380 acres of undeveloped land along the western border of campus as the SIUE Nature Preserve. This protected area, located on the bluffs adjacent to the American Bottoms, was designed to serve as a habitat corridor (SIU Edwardsville to Bohm Woods or "E2B corridor") linking the largest forest patch on campus, ~150 acre Sweet William Woods, with Bohm Woods Nature Preserve. Corridors are valuable conservation tools that provide connectivity and an opportunity for gene flow for species in fragmented landscapes. The habitat corridor created by the SIUE Nature Preserve includes Sweet William Woods, a restored prairie known as Whiteside Prairie, and a wooded corridor, portions of which border 78-acre Cougar (Tower) Lake (Figure 1).

In 2008, thanks to the support of the Illinois Ornithological Society/ Du Page Birding Club, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, we initiated long-term monitoring of the bluff forest bird community in the two forest patches (Bohm and Sweet William Woods) joined by the corridor, as well as an additional forest patch (75-acre Bluebell Woods), located outside the corridor. We are particularly interested in monitoring species of conservation concern, such as the state threatened Cerulean Warbler, which has been occasionally observed in Bohm Woods, as well as on the SIUE campus. In addition to monitoring populations of resi-

dent and migratory bird species utilizing bluff forests, we are also generating predictive habitat models that will enable us to identify suitable habitat for each species in order to make more informed land use decisions.

Northern Parula was one of the more common species detected at Bohm Woods and the SIUE Nature Preserve.
Photo by Mark Bowman.

Materials and Methods

We selected 130 randomized plots in Bluebell (n = 34), Bohm (n = 30); and Sweet William (n = 66) for our study. At each plot, we collected a suite of vegetation variables, including: Distance to edge, Successional age of the forest (based on analysis of historic aerial photos; Fritzgerald and Minchin, in prep), total richness (native and exotic), total shrub density (native and exotic), total tree dominance, total groundlayer cover, total tree density, 90th percentile DBH, snag class, coarse woody debris class, and canopy height. In addition, we used the statistical techniques known as non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) and Lance-Williams flexible beta clustering, to summarize the major dimensions of variation in forest species composition and to classify the three forest patches into four forest types: Group 1: Sugar maple - White ash - Red oak – Basswood forest; Group 2: White Ash - White Oak – Hickory forest; Group 3: Box elder - Hackberry – Elm forest; Group 4: Black locust - Hackberry – Elm (Looft et al. in prep).

We conducted fixed-distance point-count surveys (25 m radius) from May-July, 2008 and from May-August 2010 at each of the 130 plots (see Richter et al. 2010). Surveys were conducted daily from 0600-1000 hours except when raining, foggy, or excessively windy. Each survey included a 1 minute warm-up period, followed by a 5 minute sampling period. Before the warm-up period a laser rangefinder was used to mark distance. All birds seen or heard during the sampling period were recorded (Bibby et al. 2000). During the sampling period a digital voice recorder (Olympus DS-40) was used to record songs and calls for subsequent identification in the lab. Plots were visited multiple times during the spring and summer.

Survey data were used to estimate population densities for individual species and for comparisons of species richness and diversity among forest patches. In addition, we conducted an indicator species analysis (Dufrene and Legendre 1997) in order to identify bird species that best differentiated the forest patches. The combined survey and vegetation data are currently being used to build predictive habitat models using logistic regression.

Results and Discussion

We recently published results from the 2008 season (Richter et al. 2010) and are currently combining this dataset with additional data from our 2010 survey. To date, we have encountered a combined total of 92 species during point count surveys within the three forest patches over the two field seasons (Table 1).

Research findings thus far underscore the importance of the E2B corridor and the avian community which it supports. For example, the Sweet William Woods, which is part of the corridor, exhibited the highest number of species (n = 63). In addition, species diversity, which incorporates both species richness and evenness, was highest for the two forests (Bohm and Sweet William Woods) within the corridor (Richter et al., 2010).

Species found to be indicators for Bohm Woods included a number of forest interior species, such as the Wood Thrush. Other indicators included three woodpeckers (Downy, Hairy, and Northern Flicker), two additional thrushes (Swainson's and American Robin), two warblers (Yellow and Black-throated Green), two apodiforms (Ruby-throated Hummingbird and Chimney Swift), one sparrow (White-throated), and one flycatcher (Acadian). Bohm Woods was especially attractive to Acadian Flycatchers. Three species were indicators for Sweet William Woods including the Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren, and Kentucky Warbler. In contrast, Bluebell Woods, which is largely comprised of young forest, was characterized by a larger number of relatively common species including Northern Cardinal, American Goldfinch, Tufted Titmouse, Eastern Towhee, Common Grackle, Black-capped Chickadee and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

We have created habitat models for 82 bird species with 54 exhibiting significant associations with one or more habitat variables (French et al. in prep). Figure 2 shows an example of a habitat model for the Wood Thrush in Bohm Woods, demonstrating the utility of this approach. In this instance, the Wood Thrush, was found to exhibit a positive association with distance to edge. The model predicts the highest probability (~60%) of encountering a Wood Thrush in the forest interior

and lower probabilities toward the edge. It is easy to see how such information might facilitate sound management decisions. For example, any management practice that led to a reduction of forest interior habitat, would likely result in a reduced probability of encountering a Wood Thrush. Of course, there are additional factors that must be considered as well, such as the ability of species to breed successfully in a particular area. Wood Thrushes, for example, are frequent targets of brood parasitism from Brown-headed Cowbirds (Robinson et al. 1995). In a similar way, detailed modeling of cowbirds could lead to more effective management strategies for minimizing their impact. In the future, we hope to incorporate nest examination into the study to determine if species are using these forests as breeding habitat or for migratory stopovers. For those species which do attempt to breed, we would like to know if their attempts result in success or failure. In other words, do bluff forests constitute source or sink habitat for individual bird species?

Table 1. Species observations during point count surveys in Bluebell, Bohm, and Sweet William Woods (combined data for 2008 and 2010 field seasons).

Species	Bluebell	Bohm	Sweet William	Species	Bluebell	Bohm	Sweet William
Acadian Flycatcher	32	64	42	Hooded Warbler	0	1	0
Alder Flycatcher	2	0	6	House Wren	13	9	44
American Crow	32	7	56	Indigo Bunting	113	107	127
American Goldfinch	99	55	93	Kentucky Warbler	0	0	6
American Redstart	2	3	8	Killdeer	1	0	2
American Robin	45	63	77	Louisiana Waterthrush	2	0	6
Baltimore Oriole	4	7	5	Magnolia Warbler	1	5	10
Barred Owl	0	1	0	Marsh Wren	0	0	1
Bell's Vireo	0	0	2	Mourning Dove	6	2	3
Belted Kingfisher	2	0	0	Mourning Warbler	2	1	0
Black-and-white Warbler	0	2	3	Nashville Warbler	0	0	5
Black-billed Cuckoo	2	0	1	Northern Bobwhite	5	3	5
Blackburnian Warbler	1	4	2	Northern Cardinal	285	152	412
Black-capped Chickadee	17	13	37	Northern Flicker	3	13	7
Blackpoll Warbler	1	4	4	Northern Harrier	0	2	0
Black-throated Green Warbler	4	4	4	Northern Mockingbird	7	1	12
Blue Grosbeak	0	0	1	Northern Parula	51	33	89
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	38	13	45	Ovenbird	2	9	14
Blue Jay	38	31	112	Philadelphia Vireo	3	2	2
Blue-winged Warbler	3	0	0	Pileated Woodpecker	4	6	29
Brown Thrasher	1	0	4	Red-bellied Woodpecker	47	42	82
Brown-headed Cowbird	53	43	77	Red-eyed Vireo	53	50	117
Canada Goose	12	10	7	Red-tailed Hawk	2	3	2
Cape May Warbler	1	0	0	Red-winged Blackbird	11	4	8
Carolina Chickadee	53	27	134	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3	3	1
Carolina Wren	23	22	54	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	14	16	4
Chestnut-sided Warbler	0	5	4	Scarlet Tanager	2	3	10
Chimney Swift	2	24	16	Summer Tanager	1	2	5
Chipping Sparrow	6	3	13	Swainson's Thrush	4	12	12
Common Grackle	8	0	11	Tennessee Warbler	1	1	5
Common Yellowthroat	3	2	15	Tufted Titmouse	121	91	182
Dark-eyed Junco	0	0	1	Turkey Vulture	8	3	0
Downy Woodpecker	43	45	54	Veery	2	1	6
Eastern Phoebe	11	0	9	Warbling Vireo	0	0	2
Eastern Bluebird	0	0	4	White-breasted Nuthatch	15	38	70
Eastern Kingbird	2	0	1	White-eyed Vireo	2	0	6
Eastern Meadowlark	1	0	0	White-throated Sparrow	8	7	5
Eastern Towhee	81	40	116	Wild Turkey	6	8	8
Eastern Wood-Pewee	40	65	89	Wood Thrush	49	88	112
European Starling	3	6	2	Worm-eating Warbler	0	0	5
Field Sparrow	12	3	8	Yellow Warbler	5	7	8
Golden-winged Warbler	0	0	1	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	0	8
Gray Catbird	0	2	6	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	11	11	31
Great Crested Flycatcher	30	25	68	Yellow-rumped Warbler	5	5	3
Hairy Woodpecker	15	22	35	Yellow-throated Vireo	1	1	6
Hermit Thrush	5	3	9	Yellow-throated Warbler	0	3	6

Figure 1. Aerial photo of three bluff forest patches in Madison County, IL where avian monitoring is being conducted. Dotted white lines indicate approximate boundaries of the SIUE Nature Preserve, which includes Sweet William Woods. Solid white lines indicate approximate boundaries for Bohm and Bluebell Woods. Dots indicate locations of sampling plots (N = 130).

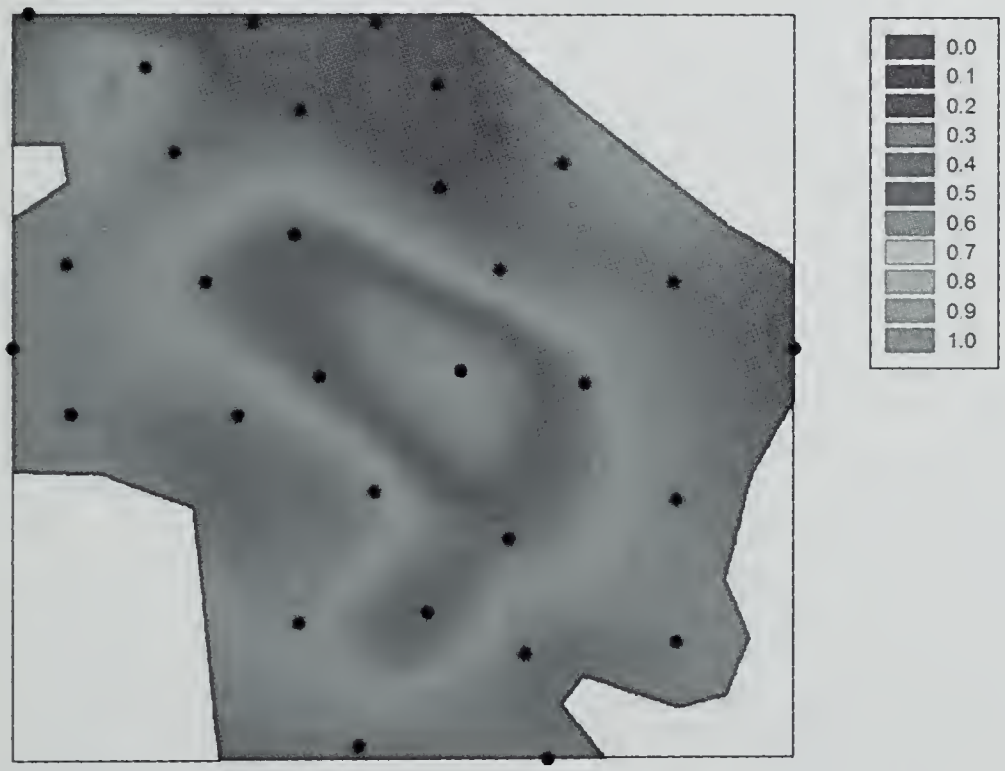

Figure 2. Habitat model for the Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla mustelina* in Bohm Woods. Shading indicates probability of encountering a Wood Thrush based on a logistic regression model. The model indicated a positive association with distance to edge (French et al. in prep).

We plan to continue monitoring the bird community over the long term, especially in light of the threats imposed by invasive plants (e.g., bush honeysuckle) and animals (e.g., emerald ash borer), as well as the impact of a rapidly changing climate. Bohm Woods Nature Preserve, in particular, offers a unique glimpse into Illinois' past. We encourage you to visit on your next birding trip.

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The Bobolinking Project:
Experiments in Field Ornithology

by Kimberly Meyer Ramirez

Figure 1. Students practicing binocular skills.

Figure 2. Students preparing plasticine eggs for fieldwork.

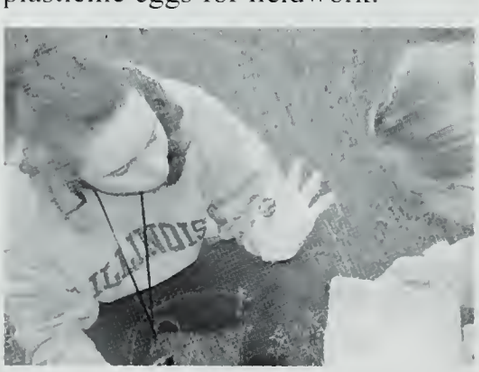

Figure 3. Monitoring artificial nests.

Figure 4. Baiting artificial nests.

The Bobolinking Project was a part of Audubon's TogetherGreen initiative. The project's main goal was to link young people to stewardship and ecological monitoring opportunities at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and Bartel Grassland in Illinois. Project participants learned about one of the rarest of North America's major biomes, the tallgrass prairie. This habitat is an important breeding ground for many grassland bird species which are among the fastest and most consistently declining birds in North America. A series of outreach activities, educational workshops and hands-on field activities were conducted to show participants what they could do – individually and together – to protect and improve the quality of this ecosystem on which people and birds depend.

Outreach

Ten outreach presentations with a total of 100 attendees were given to high schools and community-based organizations in Plainfield, Oak Forest, Chicago, Frankfort and Wilmington to recruit high school and junior high school students. Additionally, a website was launched in April 2009 to reach a broader audience.

Workshops

Seven workshops were conducted with a total of 80 participants (*Figures 1 & 2*). The workshops gave students the opportunity to learn about grassland bird identification and breeding biology. Students learned about the basic criteria used for bird identification such as size, shape, behavior, field marks and song. They learned how to use monitoring field equipment including binoculars and GPS units. They also were educated about how they could help establish or improve bird habitat in their local area, monitor bird populations and advocate for birds and their conservation needs.

Field experiments

Two field experiments with a total of 80 participants were conducted (*Figures 3 & 4*). Students examined nest predation rates on artificial ground nests at two grassland sites in the Chicago Wilderness region. They assessed potential predation pressures as a function of proximity to a walking trail, grassland site, and type of egg. A total of 208 nests were deployed – 120 at Bartel Grassland and 88 at Midewin. Nests were placed at varying distances (2m, 5m, 10m, 25m) from a walking trail and were baited with one Japanese quail (*Corturnix japonica*) egg and one plasticine egg. Quail eggs (24 x 30mm) were used to simulate a larger songbird egg such as a Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*), Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), and Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*). The plasticine eggs (19mm x 15mm/6.1grams)

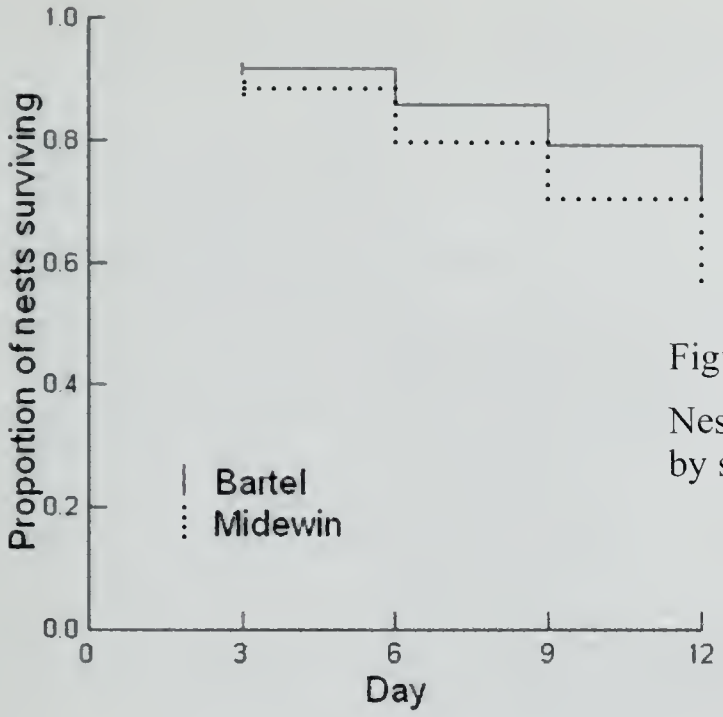

Figure 5.

Nest survival by site.

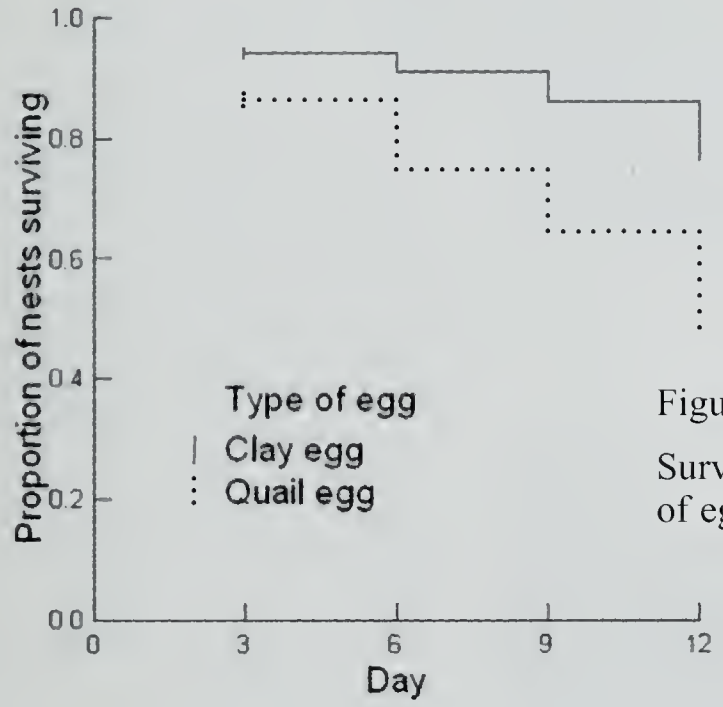

Figure 6.

Survival by type of egg,

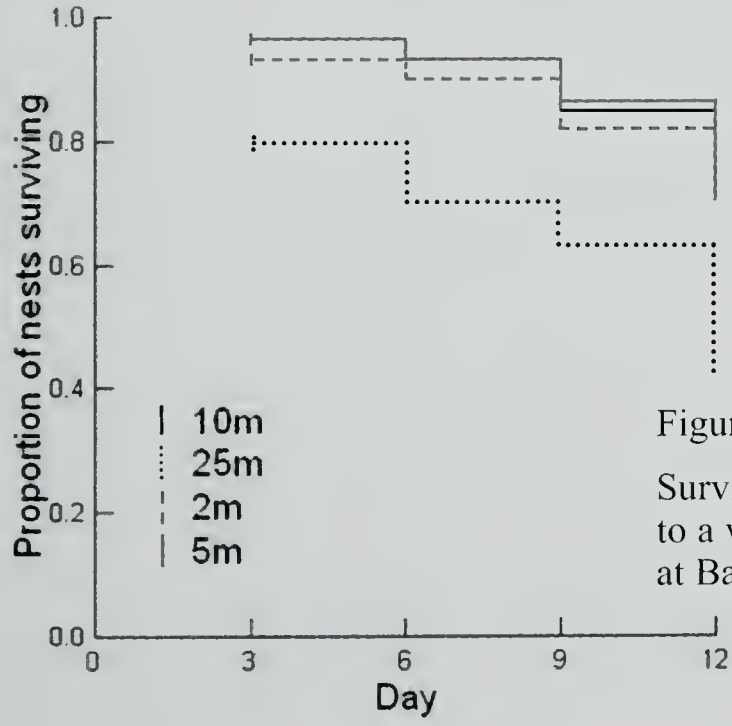

Figure 7.

Survival by distance to a walking path at Bartel.

Bobolink.
Turtlehead Lake Forest Preserve, Cook County.
2 June 2011.
Photo by Amar Ayyash.

approximated a smaller songbird egg such as a Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*), and Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*). Using eggs of different sizes ensured that small predators such as mice could depredate nests as well as larger predators. Nest monitoring was conducted at 3 day intervals for two 12 day periods from late May 2009 through June 2009. An additional 58 baited nests were set out with digital motion-sensitive cameras to identify nest predators both diurnal and nocturnal at both sites.

Results from a survival analysis indicated that overall rates of predation differed by site, type of egg predated and proximity to the walking path. Nests at Midewin experienced greater predation than those at Bartel (Tarone-Ware $\chi 12 = 5.029$, $p < 0.025$; *Figure 5*). Predation rates were significantly higher for plasticine eggs compared to quail eggs at both sites (Tarone-Ware $\chi 12 = 37.197$, $p < 0.001$; *Figure 6)*. At Bartel, proximity to a walking path influenced nest survival. Nests placed 5m from the walking path were most successful, while

those placed 25m from the path were least successful (Tarone-Ware $\chi 12 = 25.851$, $p < 0.000$; *Figure. 7*). In contrast, at Midewin, distance had no discernable effect on nest outcome. A logistic regression analysis was performed on final levels of predation and supported results from the survival analysis.

Both avian bill marks and small to mid-sized mammal dental imprints were recovered on plasticine eggs. Potential predators included raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virgianianus*), thirteen-lined ground squirrel (*Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*) and small rodents (*Peromyscus spp.* and *Microtus spp.*). Photographs documented both mammalian (*Figure 8*) and avian predators (*Figure 9*) in the study area. White-tailed deer, thirteen-lined ground squirrels and Eastern Meadowlarks were captured destroying eggs at artificial nests. Study results suggested that different patterns of predation and predator assemblages impact nest outcome at these sites.

Figure 8. Thirteen-lined ground squirrel with plasticine egg.

Figure 9. Eastern Meadowlark at an artificial nest.

Figure 10. Planting blue flag iris at Bartel.

Figure 11. Planting plugs at Midewin seedbeds.

Restoration workdays

Two restoration days took place with a total of 37 attendees. Restoration efforts entailed the planting of native species and collecting seeds. Through the restoration efforts, participants learned about the habitat needs of various bird species and the effect of invasive plant species on bird habitat and associated ecosystems. Students from Oak Forest High School participated in a wetland restoration day at Bartel and planted blue flag iris (*Iris virginica*) plugs (*Figure 10*). Students from Concordia Place collected golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*) seeds and planted aromatic aster (*Aster oblongifolius*) plugs at the Midewin seed beds (*Figure 11*).

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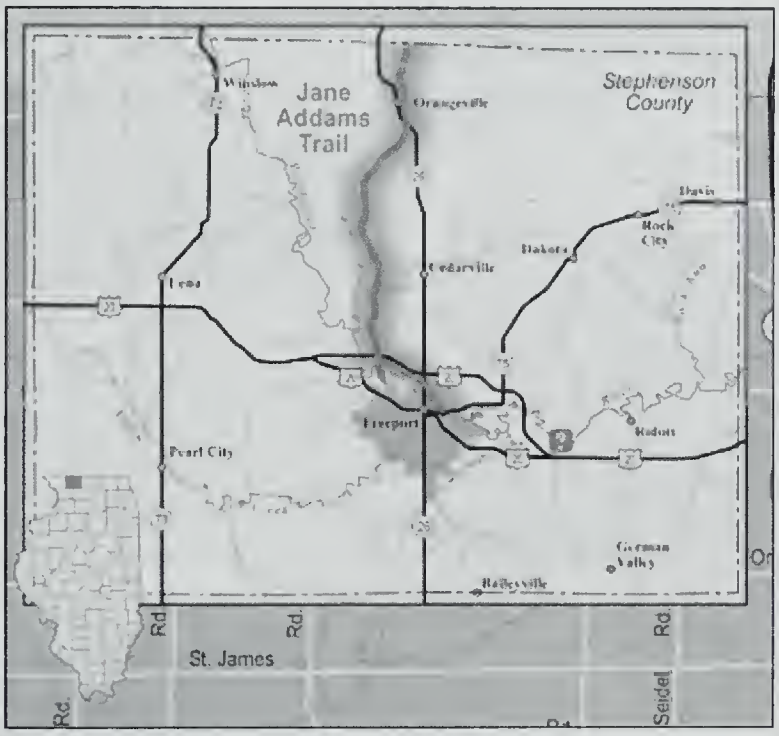
Birding the Jane Addams Trail in Northwestern Illinois

by Keith and Mary Blackmore

One of the richest birding spots in the greater Freeport area is to be found along the Jane Addams Trail, a former railroad bed, which currently extends from the southern trailhead west of Route 26 and just south of the Route. 20 bypass, north to the Badger Trail at the Wisconsin stateline. The southern trailhead abuts the Pecatonica River. Traveling north, on foot or by bicycle, one soon finds the trail following the floodplain of Richland Creek virtually all the way to the stateline. Numerous bridges along the route afford excellent viewing access to the meandering Richland Creek bottomlands, wetlands, feeder streams and the habitats associated with them.

Red-necked Phalarope. This is one of the more uncommon species that has been seen along the Jane Addams Trail.
Photo by Mark Bowman.

The Jane Addams Trail is a 12.85-mile long rail trail in Stephenson County, Illinois. Jane Addams, the trail's namesake, was born in Stephenson County.
A detailed map can be found at janeaddamstrail.com.



More than 100 herbaceous plant species provide ground cover beneath the 27 shrub species and 34 tree species initially documented. Needless to say, this plant diversity welcomes many of our feathered friends. A survey by two experienced birders, Mary Blackmore and Dan Wenny,on the northern half of the trail from Richland Road to the stateline recorded 77 species. Bird walks by the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society usually note some 55 species for a two-mile morning stroll in April.

In March, waterfowl can be found in the numerous backwaters and man-made ponds near the trail. Wood Ducks raised their young in several of the backwater ponds. Sedge meadows attract Swamp Sparrows, Sedge Wrens and rails. The wetlands south of Orangeville host breeding Sandhill Cranes, and in drier years, exposed mudflats provided habitat for a variety of shorebirds. Grassland birds such as meadowlarks and sparrows can be found in the open areas of Butterfly Farm, a trailside holding of the Jane Addamsland Park Foundation. Cliff Swallows use nearby bridges for their nesting colonies. Woodland areas along the trail attract a variety of warblers during migration.

Certain areas along the trail have already gained some notoriety. One remembers the Virginia Rail in the sedge meadow just south of Route 26 at Orangeville, or the Red-necked Phalarope and the Marbled Godwits at the Orangeville wetland, or the Golden-crowned Sparrow and the Great Horned Owl nest with their two young trailside at Scioto Mills. As more birders visit the area, such special spottings are certain to increase.

While major parking areas are only available at the southern trailhead and the Orangeville trailhead by the BP station, one can gain access to the trail nearly anywhere that one of ten roads cross it. This is an agricultural region so be sure to consider this when parking along a roadside.

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Peregrine Falcons
nest at St. Michael Church

Photos by Bob Vogelzang

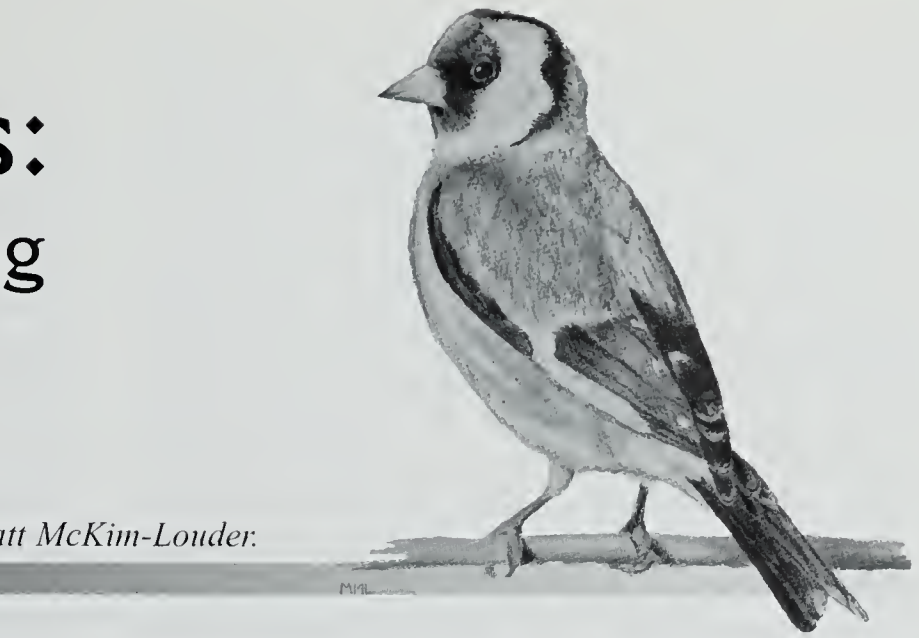
Peregrine Falcons (*Falco peregrinus*) successfully raised young at St. Michael's Church in Chicago, Cook County during the summer of 2011.

The photo of the adult on the cross was taken 31 May 2011.

The photos of the young being fed by an adult were taken between 12 June 2011 and 17 June 2011.

Field Notes:
The 2011 Breeding Season

By Steven D. Bailey



Field Notes drawing of European Goldfinch by Matt McKim-Louder.

The 2011 breeding bird season could best be described as warm and very wet, with both temperature and precipitation over much of the state above average. Above average temperatures began in May and above-average precipitation began in April, continuing into August. The large amount of precipitation recharged aquifers and wetlands in many areas of the state, including wetlands like Sand Lake in Mason County, often planted to corn because of no water. Recharged wetlands at the Green River State Fish & Wildlife Area in Lee County saw increased numbers of breeding marsh birds like Common Gallinules and Pied-billed Grebes, as well as small numbers of Least Bittern and Virginia Rail. Sand Lake also enticed only the second successful nesting of Eared Grebe for the state as well as several nesting pairs of Pied-billed Grebes. This lake also lured nesting Ruddy Ducks, flocks of Cattle Egrets and a rare Tri-colored Heron to stop by. New or recharged wetlands along Union County's Mississippi River levee road also attracted Common Gallinules to breed there, a rare nesting species for that part of Illinois. These wetlands along the Mississippi River levee road also attracted breeding Pied-billed Grebes, a number of pairs of nesting Black-necked Stilts and two species that are becoming regular late-summer visiting ducks, but which arrived ahead of schedule, including Black-bellied Whistling and Mottled Ducks (might breeding be in the near future for these two species in Illinois?).

The statewide average of 6.73 inches of rain in June represented a 2.65-inch surplus, to go along with the 1.33-inch surplus that fell in May, and 3.79-inch surplus in April. All of this rainfall caused many rivers throughout the state to inundate large areas with their floodwaters including the Illinois, Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, all above flood stage during June. Many of these major rivers' tributaries were also in flood including the LaMoine River at Ripley, Bear Creek near Marceline and the Little Wabash below Clay City. The water levels there were all the highest on record for them for June. The Rock, Green, Pecatonica, Iroquois, Kankakee, Mackinaw, Kaskaskia, Embarras, Cache and several other rivers were either above or much above normal stream flow for much of June over part or all of their lengths. Rend, Shelbyville and Carlyle Lakes were also all several feet above their summer target levels. This continued well into July at most of these locations, making it the 12th wettest May-July on record. Much of this rainfall occurred as severe weather systems, which swept though the state. Severe weather was widely reported in both June and July, with June producing 8 tornadoes, 53 reports of significant hail, and 213 wind damage reports occurring mostly on June 4, 8, 10, 15, 17-19, 22, 25-26, and 30 with baseball-sized hail in Augusta, on 10 June. The severe weather continued into July with reports of three tornadoes, five significant hail events and 109 damaging winds. It is feared that as many as 50% of nests and some to many adults of Illinois's small remaining Greater Prairie-Chicken nesting population were destroyed/killed during equally and even more destructive weather that occurred during that species' nesting attempts in April and May, during a particularly bad hail storm in that area. Downed trees were another common consequence of many of these strong storms, so large numbers of forest nesting songbirds and/or their nests were likely destroyed by the severe weather. Early season cool and wet conditions for nesting Eastern Bluebirds reduced the numbers of young produced by them, and possibly for Eastern Phoebes, Purple Martins, Tree Swallows, and possibly early cavity-nesting species including chickadees, titmice, nuthatches and some woodpeckers.

On the positive side, this summers large periodic cicada emergence over much of the southern third to half of Illinois was likely a boon to many nesting species that often feed on such insects such as Mississippi Kites, cuckoos, Red-headed Woodpeckers, flycatchers, Cedar Waxwings and others.

Ducks through Hawks

An impressive array of 23 waterfowl species was located throughout Illinois, which included 19 species of duck. However, other than the usual nesting species and both teal, observers were able to confirm breeding for few of the many species found. Some of them surely attempted to nest, especially at places like Hennepin and Thompson Lakes, the two large and relatively recently restored wetlands

along the Illinois River. Now filled to capacity, Thompson Lake and other nearby wetlands at the Emiquon Preserve are attracting many rare marsh-nesting species as well as a large array of uncommon to rare migrants, some of which may someday stay to nest.

Wild Turkey is quickly becoming the most likely gallinaceous species to be found throughout the state. Gray Partridge is probably near extirpation from Illinois, and the previous few harsh winter weather seasons have decimated numbers of the once common Northern Bobwhite and Ring-necked Pheasant from much of the state, birds which continue to suffer from ever-fewer acres of necessary habitat needed to survive. Although many would put the blame on supposed increasing numbers of coyotes, the real problem has and always will be the loss of habitat caused by man, which have lowered these birds numbers all along.

There were increased sightings of the usual (basic-plumaged) non-breeding, Common Loons, though increased numbers of breeding Pied-billed Grebes were a direct result of significantly more numerous areas to breed in due to the recharging of many wetlands from heavy rainfall.

The newly located nesting locations for both Anhinga, American White Pelican and Caspian Terns were once again in use, and numbers may even be increasing, as the use of a second nearby nesting island for the pelicans and higher numbers of Anhingasand Caspian Terns at the nesting sites indicates. Although the large amount of rain and floodwaters likely improved feeding opportunities for the heron family, and possibly enticed new rookeries to form, numbers of reports were pretty much normal. Probably the most unusual vagrant record of the season, the Wood Stork that showed up in early June in Lake County not only set a northernmost occurrence record for the state but was also one of the earliest Wood Storks to arrive in Illinois during the summer/fall season by almost two months. This bird follows on the equally unusual occurrence of 3 encounters (at three locations) this past spring, by the stork's related and closely allied species, the White Ibis (all in adult plumage) in southern and even central Illinois. Only three other adult-plumaged White Ibis have been found in Illinois, and encouters of all four ibis species seem to slowly be increasing especially during their more usual, post-breeding dispersal and arrival period into Illinois.

The new, disjunct population of Mississippi Kites breeding in Rockford continue to return to breed in their residential, urban neighborhood. Both Osprey and Bald Eagle nests continue to appear in new areas around the state. Nesting was not confirmed for Northern Harrier or Sharp-shinned Hawk this year but Cooper's Hawk has likely returned to historic breeding population levels for this species throughout the former breeding range in Illinois. Few pairs of breeding Swainson's Hawks were located again this year, leading one to wonder how much longer they will remain an Illinois breeding species.

Rails through Woodpeckers

Two endangered Black Rails were located this summer, singing at both a central and northern Illinois location in June and July indicating probable breeding. One responded several times to recorded playbacks of the song, while the other was at the same location as one reported in 2010. King Rails were only located at two, longtime breeding areas in Illinois. Sora and Virginia Rails were located in typical numbers in their northern Illinois strongholds, though a Sora summering in a yard in the middle of the "corn and soybean desert" was quite unusual. One summering Purple Gallinule was located while Common Gallinule breeding locations/numbers were up. Sandhill Crane breeding numbers and locations continue to increase throughout the northern half of Illinois, with rumors of other, more southern nesting locations outside this species normal range reaching this author, though details were lacking. The Vermilion County pair returned to attempt nesting again, though were once again unsuccessful, likely due to predation of the young.

Nesting shorebirds bred in typical numbers, though new locations for breeding Black-necked Stilt seem to be located in new areas in Illinois each year. Recharged wetlands in several areas may have enticed a few Wilson's Snipe to stay and nest in new areas in the northern half of the state. Seven species of gull (two nesting species) and five species of tern were found in their usual northeastern Illinois breeding locations, though almost all of the nesting species only do so at one or a few locations. Though the Caspian Tern breeding colony atop a building in Chicago appeared to grow, no breeding colonies for Forster's Terns, which formerly bred, have been located for several years now, and only a few small breeding colonies of Black Terns remain in Lake and McHenry counties. The lone Common Tern nesting population continues to suffer from the negative effects of weather, predation and possibly chemical contamination, despite valiant attempts by biologists and volunteers to keep the nesting colony active.

The non-native Eurasian Collared-Dove population continues to grow in Illinois, and the species can likely be found in every county in the state. Black-billed Cuckoo numbers remained at their low ebb, while the slight increase of Yellow-billed Cuckoos over the past couple of years may be more a function of more birds stopping to take advantage of this year's periodic cicada emergence in the southern half of the state. Caprimulgid species continue to be reported in much lower than historic numbers, though smaller towns with older buildings which retain their pebble-topped, breeding roofs, still hold on to a few to several breeding pairs of Common Nighthawks. Vern Kleen's extensive banding efforts with Ruby-throated Hummingbirds continue to show the true abundance of these birds in a way that single-observer sightings cannot. However, I will continue to give maximum counts of hummingbirds found by observers in their daily observations, despite their disparity with Kleen's banding numbers. The Pileated Woodpecker appears to slowly be making inroads into new breeding areas in northeastern Illinois.

Passerines

Several Least Flycatchers were once again detected into mid-June, but without any confirmation of breeding. It is unclear if the small population that formally bred each year at Lowden-Miller State Forest is still present. A number of Western Kingbirds were discovered this year, but with confirmation of breeding found at only one typical breeding location in Granite City. Scissor-tailed Flycatchers once again nested in Illinois marking the 9th year (in 9 counties) since 2000 that this species has been recorded in the breeding season, and the 7th year that nests/nesting evidence have been located during that time, in six southwestern Illinois counties. Loggerhead Shrikes are now becoming harder to find in their last remaining stronghold within Illinois in the southeastern portion of the state. Will they persist through the next decade in Illinois?

Reports of Bell's Vireo seem to be on the increase, especially in far southern Illinois where this species was once rarely reported. Corvid populations in the state also appear to be on the increase, or have at least begun to increase above the low numbers being reported a few years ago as West Nile Virus first swept through the state. Cliff Swallows continue to reclaim and increase their numbers in former breeding areas in the state, although numbers in the eastern third of the state are still much lower than more western areas of the state, especially along the major river systems.

The numbers of breeding Carolina Wrens remain low outside of far southern Illinois after the severe winter weather of the last few years. Bewick's Wren was not reported this year from their usual Siloam Springs breeding location. Marsh Wrens are very rare as a breeding species outside far northeastern Illinois, so those found singing at two locations, one a large, newly restored wetland in west-central Illinois could portend a new breeding population in that area. Wet and somewhat cool temperatures limited the number of young fledging from early Eastern Bluebird nesting efforts. Northern Parulas seem to be making small inroads into the northcentral and northeastern parts of the state where the species has rarely been reported. Outside of southern Illinois, this species has always had a rather unusual distribution in the state, not often being found in the former "Grand Prairie" regions of the state, even along major river valleys. Breeding populations of Pine Warblers continue to appear in new pine plantations in areas of the state where this species has never before bred. Have these pines matured to the point where they are now "acceptable" to use during the breeding season, or is something else going on? The singing male Tennessee Warbler in late June was a quite unusual migrant report. Likewise, a Dark-eyed Junco caught in a mist net and a singing male, in late June and mid-July, respectfully, were also very unusual, and begs the question which direction were they moving? Although always a pleasant find wherever located, the increasing numbers and locations where Henslow's Sparrows are being found makes one wonder why they remain on the state threatened list when species nearly or as uncommon like Grasshopper Sparrow and other more uncommon species have not been similarly designated. Summer Tanagers, Blue Grosbeaks and Orchard Orioles continue to be found in new and/or increasing numbers of locations in central and northern areas of the state. Several new breeding pairs of Painted Buntings were found this summer near the historic breeding location of Illinois's sole breeding colony. With more search effort given in southwestern Illinois near the Mississippi River, could there be even more breeding pairs of this species than we now realize? The first Illinois nest was located for the naturalized, exotic European Goldfinch. A small, localized population of this species is beginning to grow and develop a yearound population in a few areas of the Chicagoland lakefront and occasionally elsewhere. Some have now been seen every year in at least each of the last ten years at this location. Will this become one of the newest additions to the Illinois state checklist, similar to the Monk Parakeet?

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As a printing aide, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

ad(s)	= adult(s)
alt	= alternate plumage (breeding)
cop	= copulating
est	= estimate(d)
et. al	= and other
♀	= female(s)
imm	= immature
incl	= including
ind(s)	= individual(s)
juv(s)	= juvenile(s)
lg	= large
♂	= male(s)
♪	= singing
#(s)	= number(s)
m.ob.	= many observers
*	= documented record
**	= specimen record
ph(s)	= photo(s)
plum	= plumage
pr(s)	= pair(s)
prop	= property
resp	= respectively
subad(s)	= subadult(s)
vid	= video
vr	= voice recording
w/	= with
yg	= young

Apt	= Airport
B	= Beach
BBS	= Breeding Bird Survey (Route)
Btms	= Bottoms
CA	= Conservation Area
Cem	= Cemetery
Co(s)	= County(ies)
CP	= County Park
Crk	= Creek
EA	= Ecological Area
FP	= Forest Preserve
FS	= Field Station
H	= Harbor
HA	= Habitat Area
I	= Island
L	= Lake
L&D	= Lock & Dam
M	= Marsh
NA	= Natural Area
NC	= Nature Center
NHL	= National Historic Landmark
No.	= North
NP	= Nature Preserve
NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge
OSL	= Open Space Lands
Pk	= Park
Pra	= Prairie
Pr	= Preserve

R	= River
Res	= Reservoir
Rd	= Road
SF	= State Forest
SHS	= State Historic Site
Sl	= Slough
SFWA	= State Fish & Wildlife Waterfowl Area
SNA	= State Natural Area
So.	= South
SP	= State Park
SRA	= State Recreation Area
Twp	= Township
USF&WS	= United States Fish & Wildlife Service
WMA	= Wildlife Management Area
Wds	= Woods
WS	= Wildlife Sanctuary
EA	= Early Arrival(s)
LD	= Latest Departure(s)
MC	= Maximum Count(s)
COS	= Chicago Ornithological Society field trip
IOS	= Illinois Ornithological Society field trip
FMNH	= Field Museum of Natural History
NBSO	= Non-Breeding Summer Occurrence

The following abbreviations for place names have been used throughout this report:

AllertonPk_	= Allerton Park BBS (Piatt/McLean Cos)
AlmondM	= Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
AmnBot	= American Bottoms (Monroe County)
Athens_	= Athens BBS (Menard Co)
BannerM	= Banner Marsh (Fulton & Peoria Cos)
Bartonville_	= Bartonville BBS (Peoria Co)
BeanRdg	= Bean Ridge, Shawnee NF (Alexander Co)
Beaucoup_	= Beaucoup BBS (Washington/Clinton Cos)
BeaverdamL_	= Beaverdam Lake BBS (Pope Co)
Belknap_	= Belknap BBS (Johnson Co)
BraidwoodL	= Braidwood Lake (Will Co)
BurntPrairie_	= Burnt Prairie BBS (White Co)
CampPoint_	= Camp Point BBS (Adams Co)

CaneyCrk	= Caney Creek, Shawnee NF, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co)
Cap Sauers	= Cap Sauers Holdings Nature Preserve (Cook Co)
CarlL-C	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F	= Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
CaveCrk	= Cave Creek Valley, Shawnee NF, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co)
CBG	= Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
CedarCrk	= Cedar Creek, Shawnee NF, Pomona Twp, (Jackson Co)
Champaign	= Champaign (Champaign Co)
Chau	= Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)

Abbreviations for place names, continued

Chi = Chicago--excl. Jackson Park & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
ClintonL = Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
COLSP = Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
Columbia_ = Columbia BBS (Monroe/St. Clair Cos)
CONWR = Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
CRSNA = Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson/ Pulaski Cos)
Dudleyville_ = Dudleyville BBS (Bond Co)
DYNL = Dick Young/Nelson Lake Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
ECapeGir = East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EForkL = East Fork Lake, Olney (Richland Co)
Emiquon = The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
EPSL = El Paso Sewage Lagoons (Woodford Co)
ESTL = E. St. Louis (St Clair Co)
Fairbury_ = Fairbury BBS (Livingston/Ford Counties)
Fermi = Fermilab (Du Page Co)
Flora_ = Flora BBS (Clay Co)
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
GLPSNA = Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GreeneVal = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
GreenR = Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
HennepinL = Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
Heron CP = Heron County Park (Vermilion Co)
HGC = Harborside International Golf Course, @ LCal (Cook Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
HutchinsCrk = Hutchins Creek, Shawnee NF (Union Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
Jamestown_ = Jamestown BBS (Clinton/Madison Cos)
Jarvis = Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Pk, Chicago (Cook Co)
JP = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee County)
KankakeePks = LeVasseur /Perry Farm/Cavalier De LaSalle Parks (Kankakee Co)
KankakeeR SP = Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee County)
Kell_ = Kell BBS (Marion Co)
KLMSNA = Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
LaSalleL = LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (LaSalle Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
L&D 13 = Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound NWR (former Savanna Army Depot) (Jo Daviess Co)
LOW = Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
LowdMil = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LSpfld = Lake Springfield, Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LSummerset_ = Lake Summerset BBS (Stephenson Co)
LtlBlkSl = Little Black Slough State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
Martinsville_ = Martinsville BBS (Clark/Crawford Cos)
Maz/Braid = Mazonia/Braidwood State Fish & Wildlife Area (Grundy/Will/Kankakee Cos)
McGinnis = McGinnis Slough (s.w. Cook Co)
MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MlrMdws = Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Milford_ = Milford BBS (Iroquois/Vermilion Cos)
MissPalis = Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
MomenceWet = Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co)
Montrose = Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
MRB = Mississippi River Blufflands (Monroe Co)
Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM = North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
Olney_ = Olney BBS (Richland/Wayne Cos)
Palos = Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Pembroke = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
Pomona = Pomona area (Jackson Co)
Pontiac_ = Pontiac BBS (Livingston Co)
Pratt'sWW = Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
Pulaski_ = Pulaski BBS (Pulaski/Alexander Cos)
RendL = Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RiverBend = River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign County)
RockCrk = Rock Creek, Shawnee NF, Sand Ridge Twp (Jackson Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rckfd = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
St. Morgan_ = St. Morgan BBS (Madison Co)
Sang = Sangamon County
SantaFe = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
Sherburnville_ = Sherburnville BBS (Kankakee, Will, & Cook Cos)
Sherrard_ = Sherrard BBS (Mercer/Warren Cos)
SoRipHlw = South Ripple Hollow, Shawnee NF (Alexander Union Cos)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Springbrk = Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
SRSP = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle County)
Stillwell_ = Stillwell BBS (Hancock Co)
SwallowCliff = Swallow Cliff Woods Forest Preserve (Palos, Cook Co)
TOT = Trail of Tears State Forest (Union Co)
Troy Grove_ = Troy Grove BBS (LaSalle/Bureau Cos)
TwoRivers = Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Union_ = Union BBS (McHenry Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
WaterfallGlen = Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Wauk = Waukegan Beach & Harbor (Lake Co)
Wayne_ = Wayne BBS (DuPage/Will Cos)
Waynesville_ = Waynesville BBS (McLean Co)
Williamsfield_ = Williamsfield BBS (Knox/Fulton Cos)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in *italic type* are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced. Four-letter alpha or bird-banding codes in capitalized letters (e.g. WODU for Wood Duck, PUMA for Purple Martin, etc.) developed by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory are occasionally used within the species accounts.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summeries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 – spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991 – present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks. Species names and sequence correspond to the American Ornithologist's Union Check-List of North American Birds and its supplements through the 52nd supplement (2011). The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

Some records not printed here may still be under IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review; when completed, they will appear in the published IORC report. As standard policy, all observers, regardless of experience, must fully document all unusual observations. Easy to use documentation forms are available from IORC Secretary, Doug Stotz, Environment and Conservation Program, Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60615. Completed documentation forms of "listed" species should be submitted to the IORC Secretary within one week of the observation.

2011 Breeding Season Field Notes

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

MississippiR near Ware (Union Co) (2), 13 Jul (EGl:ph, AG); [Big MuddyR (Union Co) (3), 10 Jun].

Snow Goose

NBSO: Emiquon (2 white, 2 blue morphs), 10 Jun (LLH); *Clinton*, 26 Jun (KAM).

Canada Goose

Breeding: Rckfd (2 ads & 19 downy chicks on golf course fairway), 3 Jun (DTW); RollinsSav (3 nesting atop muskrat lodges), 4 Apr (TLn); Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (pr w/4 yg), 30 Apr (EWW); GreenR (nest), 27 Mar, w/3 nests there 30 Apr (EWW); Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co) (ad incubating on nest on muskrat lodge), 28 Mar & (3 ad w/8 yg & 2 ad w/2 yg), 8 Jun (SDB); JP (2 broods of 2 & 2 broods of 5), w/earliest hatch, 1 May. Egg-oiling control program again fairly successful (PRC); LOW (2 prs w/4 yg each), 3 May (CKA); Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (3 nests), 30 Apr (EWW); Mendota (LaSalle Co) (pr w/4 yg), 30 Apr (EWW); Champaign (Border's parking lot) (ads incubating on 2 nests; both failed), 5 Apr (CKA); Champaign (suburban/urban ponds) (2ads w/5 yg, 2 ads w/14 yg, 2 ads w/4 yg, 2 ads w/2 yg, 2 ads w/8 yg), 30 May & (2 ads w/5 yg), 12 Jul (CKA); Urbana (CrystalL Pk) (4 ads w/31 yg, pr w/5 yg, 4 ads w/20 yg, 2 ads w/2 yg), 5 May (CKA); Urbana (ad on nest on pavilion roof from 10-15 Apr. After high winds & continuous rain thereafter, nest abandoned 21 Apr (CKA); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (ad incubating on nest atop tree snag hanging out over Salt FkR bank), 5-7 Apr, then nest gone on 8 Apr (JOS); MermetL (2ad & 12 yg), 12 Jun (KAM). **MC**: 300 & 200, LSpfld, 13 Jul & 27 Jun resp (HDB); 200, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM); 200, CarlL-C, 3 Jun (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 4 Jun, 13 & 24 Jul (DMK); 190, JP, 27 Jul (PRC); 120, MermetL, 4 Jul (DMK); 97, Orangeville (Stephenson Co), 1 Jun (SDB).

Mute Swan

Breeding: Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (pr w/3 cygnets), 12 Jun (SDB, SLD); LCal (Broods of young @ 4 locations, incl broods of 2, 3, 5, 5), 30 Apr-31 Jul (WJM et al.); LCal (Dead Stick Pond) (9, incl 7 yg), 11 Jun (RLS); Berlin Twp (Bureau Co), 18 Jun (JAS); BannerM (ads w/9 & 10 yg), 20 May (KAM); Spfld (nest produced 5 yg), 7 May-end of period (VMK); Heron Pk (nest hatched 6 yg, w/5 fledging), season (JR); *Madison* (ad w/ cygnet), 13 Jun (FRH); ESTL (ad w/3 yg), 15 Jul (DMK); HL (ad w/cygnet), 13 Jun (FRH). **MC**: 35 (ad), LCal, 31 Jul (WJM); 6, Emiquon, 10 Jun (LLH); 4 (ads @ 3 locale), RollinsSav, 18 Jun-9 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co), 10-16 Jul (DTW); Redwing Sl (Lake Co) (2 pr), 26 Jun (EWW); AlmondM, 11 Jun (TLn); Oakwood Twp, Kickapoo SP (pr) & Kennekuk CP (pr) (Vermilion Co), season (BS, JR).

Trumpeter Swan

Breeding: McGinnis (pr w/2 downy cygnets), 4-11 Jun (RLS). **Others**: HorseshoeL (Washington Twp, Carroll Co) (pr present but did not nest due to high water Apr thru much of summer. 2nd Savanna nesting pr did not even return to historic nesting marsh, again likely due to high water), thru season (RN); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (pr calling), 4-7 Jun (RLS).

Wood Duck

Breeding: Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (2 ♀s w/ 10 & 13 small yg), 31 May & (♀ w/14 small yg), 6 Jul (SDB); Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co) (hen w/3 chicks), 10 Jul (DTW); Nygren Wetland (Winnebago Co) (hen w/4 yg & hen w/ 6 yg), 16 & 24 Jul resp (DTW); Shirland (Winnebago Co) (hen w/one chick, one lg snapping turtle present), 1 Jul (DTW); Ridott (Stephenson Co) (hen w/4 chicks), 10 Jul (DTW); MidSav (♀ w/yg), 25 Jun (AR); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (♀ w/11 very small yg), 9 Jul (ABA); CBG (Mary McDonald Wds) (pr in tree w/♀ entering hole in top of broken-off tree), 23 Apr (ABA et al.); JP (brood of 10), 30 Jul (PAD et al.); HennepinL (3 broods of yg), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV), incl broods of 6 & 8 yg (KAM); KankakeePks (ad w/yg), 7 Jul (JBH); Sang (many broods), Jun & (♀ w/8 downy yg on SangamonR, Sang, 30 Jul) (HDB); RiverBend (♀ w/10 chicks in river), 1 Jun (CKA); KLMSNA (8 ♀s w/17 imms), 25 Jun (C&PD); AmnBot (17 ♀s w/53 imm), 16 Jul (C&PD); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (23 w/8 yg), 21 May (TJD); CarlL-C (hen w/9 yg), 15 May (DMK); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co) (4 hens w/35 yg), 30 Jul (RSR); UCCA (10 ad, 10 yg), 27 Apr (KAM, MSS); ECapeGir (♀ w/7 yg), 9 Jun (KAM). **MC**: 300, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 147 (incl 6 broods), HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 57 (47 ad, 10 yg), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 4 Jun (TJD); 20, MermetL, 4 Jul (DMK). **Other**: JP (5♂, 3♀), 8 Jun (PRC).

Gadwall

MC: 13, RollinsSav, 16 Jun (SDB); 5, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS).**Other**: Pingree Grove (Kane Co), 5 Jun (LLH); Emiquon (ThompsonL), 18 Jun (DB).

American Wigeon

HennepinL, 5 & 12, 19 Jun (GNe & TH resp).

American Black Duck

Wauk, 4 Jun (LLH); RollinsSav (2), 9 Jul (SDB); HennepinL (2 & 1 & 1), 4,12 & 2 Jun & 3 Jul (TH & SDB & DFS resp).

Mallard

Breeding: Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (♀ w/7 yg), 6 Jul (SDB); Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (hen w/8 chicks & 2 hens w/4&9 chicks), 25 May & 29 Jun resp (DTW); Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co) (hen w/ 5 very yg chicks), 24 Jul (DTW); RollinsSav (abandoned/predated nest w/2 unhatched egss & one broken eggshell in shallow sedge/cattail marsh), 17 Jun (SDB); White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (♀ on nest w/8 eggs), 1 Jun (SDB); *sw. Lee* (hen w/7 yg), 18 Jun (DTW); GreenR (hen w/6 yg), 31 Jul (DTW); Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co) (♀ w/4 yg, ♀ w/5 yg & ♀ w/7 yg, all small & somewhat downy), 8 Jun (SDB); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (♀ w/6 chicks), 23 May (fide SDB, ph); Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co) (pr w/9 chicks), 30 Apr (MWB); MeadbrkPk (♀ w/6 yg & ♀ w/10 yg), 4 Jul (CKA); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (4 incl 2 yg), 21 May (TJD). **MC**: 130, RollinsSav, 18 Jun (SDB); 79, JP, 13 Jul (PRC); 73, Bath Twp (Mason Co), 10 Jun (LLH); 64, Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co), 13 Jun (SDB); 60, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 17&24 Jul (DMK, MSS); 40, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK).
Note: JP ("brood mortality evidently high") (PRC).

Wild Turkey poult in tree. Evergreen Lake, McLean County. 16 June 2011. Photo by Ben Murphy.

MOTTLED DUCK

Levee Rd (Union Co) (pr), 4-11 Jul (DMK:ph, MSS, GNe, KAM et al.).

Blue-winged Teal

Breeding: GreenR, 30 Jun (PAM, ASt) & ad w/4 yg, 12 Aug (EWW); RollinsSav, see below. **MC**: 24 & 20 (incl 11♂ & pr w/2 yg), RollinsSav, 16 Jun & 25 Jul (SDB & ND); 10, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 4 Jun (DMK); 6, CarlL-C, 6 Jun (DMK). **Other**: MidSav, 9 Jun (AR); JP (4), 23 Jul (PAD et al.); Alba Twp (Henry Co) (pr), 29 Jun (SDB); HennepinL (2♂, ♀), 2 Jun (SDB); *Mason* (3), 22 Jul (KAM); Sang (♂), 9-27 Jun, w/2 (♂), 5 Jun & one, 4&20 Jul (HDB); Champaign (Curtis Rd wetland), 11 Jun (DLT).

Northern Shoveler

HennepinL (pr & 1), 2, 6 Jun & 3 Jul (SDB & TH & DFS resp); Emiquon (ThompsonL), 18 Jun (DB).

Northern Pintail

Emiquon (Wilder Tract) (2), 18 Jun & 14 Jul (DB & KBR resp).

Green-winged Teal

Breeding: Foley Sand Pra (Lee Co) (pr w/brood), mid-summer (DH fide EWW). **Others**: RollinsSav (4 ad [pr & 2♂] & 2), 23 Jun & 3 Jul resp (BJS); Montrose (♂), 25 Jun (LGM); Chi (Rosehill Cem), 30 Jun (MD).

Redhead

HennepinL (6), 4 Jun (TH).

Ring-necked Duck

Pingree Grove (Kane Co) (pr), 13 Jun (BSl); McGinnis (pr), 19 Jun (RLS); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (♂), 4 Jun (RLS); Chi (Humboldt Pk) (♂), 7-9 Jun (SBB); HennepinL (♂), 16 & 2 Jun & 3 Jul (RAM, LM, JV & SDB, TH & DFS); EPSL, 29 Jul (MEF).

Lesser Scaup

Chi (Humboldt Pk) (pr), 12 Jun (SBB); PeacockM (Will Co) (♂; summered), 21 Jul (REF); HennepinL (2), 4 Jun (TH); LSpfld (Cinder Flats) (3♂,♀), 27 Jun, w/♂ still present, 4 Jul (HDB); EForkL (♂), 15 Jun (CLH).

Surf Scoter

NBSO: Carlinville (Macoupin Co) (imm ♂), 3 Jun (KAM:ph).

Bufflehead

HennepinL, 5 & 12 Jun (GNe & TH resp).

Common Goldeneye

NBSO: HennepinL, 5 & 12 Jun (GNe & TH resp).

Hooded Merganser

Breeding: ShabbonaL SP (Dekalb Co) (♀ w/4 yg), 29 May (DJS); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (♀ w/5 yg), 9 Jul (ABA); GrcenR (♀ w/10 yg), 31 May & (ad w/4 ~10 day old yg), 26 Jun (DH & EWW resp) & (♀ w/2 yg), 2 Jul (DJS); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (♀ w/5, ½ grown yg), 4 Jun (RLS); Carmen (Henderson Co) (3 yg), 28 May (EWW); Sparland (Marshall Co) (5 full grown juv), 23 May (EWW); Shokokon (Henderson Co) (♀ w/12 yg), 15 May (EWW:ph); Hancock Twp, Middle Crk (Hancock Co) (fledgling), 15 May (EWW); ChaunceyM NP (Lawrence Co) (♀ w/yg), 6 Jul (CLH); KLMSNA (6 ♀s w/21 imm), 12 Jun (C&PD); HarrissL (Perry Co) (♀ on nest in WODU box w/10 eggs), 1 Apr (JSs). **MC**: 30, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, Levee Rd (Union Co), 5 Jul (DMK).**Others**: Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co), 26 Jun (M&LF); GLNTC (♂ going into eclipse), 27 Jun (DRD); AlmondM (2+), 11 Jun (TLn); Jones Meadow Pk (North Aurora, Kane Co) (3), 12-13 Jul (KS:ph); Isabel Twp (Fulton Co) (♀), 10 Jun (LLH); Sang, 20&29 Jun & Sangchris SP (Sangamon Co) (imm), 28-29 Jul (HDB); ESTL, (♀), 22 Jun (KAM); Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 4-5 Jun (DMK); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (2 ad ♂ & 8 ad ♀), 4&19 Jun resp (TJD); Beaucoup_ (6), 6 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Ware, Union Co), 11 Jul (KAM); ECapeGir, 11 Jun (KAM).

Ruddy Duck

Breeding: SandL (Mason Co) (ad ♀ w/4 yg), 21 Aug (EWW). **MC**: 5, HennepinL, 12 Jun (TH). **Others**: Nieman's Pond (Freeport, Stephenson Co) (pr), 31 May (SDB); RollinsSav (♀), 16 Jun (SDB); Pingree Grove (Kane Co), 13 Jun (BSl); HGC (pr), 11 Jun (RLS); Emiquon (ThompsonL), 18 Jun (DB); TwoRivers, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); EForkL, 14 Jun (CLH); ECapeGir, 25 Jun (KAM).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Breeding: KankakeePks (5 incl 1 yg), 7 Jul (JBH). **MC**: 52, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 32, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 9♂, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Union_ (5), 12 Jun (SDB); COLSP (calling ♂), 11 Jun (EWW); Fermi (♀), 25 Jun (PK); Sang (5), 11 Jun & 4&13 Jul (HDB).
Note: Only small numbers (<5 birds) reported by most observers.

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Breeding: PrRdg-J (2 ad w/5 juv), 28 Jul (RES); PrRdg-M (ad w/7 yg), 15 Jun (CLH). **Other**: PrRdg-J (4 ♂s displaying on lek), 10 Apr (GSL, RK), but others on nearby new lek (GSL fide SS).

Wild Turkey

Breeding Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (hen w/11 poults), 1 Jul (DTW); Searls Pk, Rckfd (2 hens w/3 really downy, little poults < 2 weeks old), 1 Aug (DTW); RockCut (2 ad w/5 poults), 15 Jul (RV); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co) (2 family groups w/ 5 & 10 yg), 15 Jun (MEF); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (♀ w/10 small poults), 16 Jun (BM:ph); Sang (some yg), Jun (HDB); Groat (Franklin Co) (pr w/4 yg & pr w/7 yg), 31 Jul (EWW); *Union* (nest w/9 eggs), 3 Jul (MML); MermetL CA (Massac Co) (pr w/5 yg & pr w/7 yg), 30 Jul (EWW). **MC**: 25 (14 ad), Groat (Franklin Co), 31 Jul (EWW); 14, *Wayne*, 26 May (SDB); 10, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 6, MermetL, 12 Jun (KAM). **Other**: *Bureau*, 2 Jun (SDB); Grayville (Edwards Co) (4), 28 May (SDB); TOT (4), 25 Jun (KAM).
Note: "The wet weather [in western Illinois] was hard on early nesting attempts, but re-nesting appeared to be more successful with broods seen well outside the period" (LLH).

Northern Bobwhite

Breeding: *Wayne* (7 ad & 7yg), 5 Jul (RES); Groat (Franklin Co) (pr w/4 yg), 31 Jul (EWW). **MC**: 104, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 36, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 34, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 32, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 25, Burnt Prairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 22, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 20, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 20, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 18, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 15, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 14,

18 Btms (Franklin Co), 20 Jun (LWS); 13, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 12, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 9, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 8, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 8, *Crawford*, 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); 7, Stillwell_, 3 Jun (VMK); 7&6, Sang, 11 Jun & 20 Jul resp (HDB). **Others**: Rckfd (Apt), 10 Jul (DTW); *sw. Lee* (2), 18 Jun (DTW); Wayne_ (DuPage Co), 12 Jun (JLS). Wild bird?; Sherburnville_ (3), 5 Jun (JBH); Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co), 1 Jun (MJW).

Note: "Poor breeding season [in western Illinois], no broods seen and few calling males heard" (LLH).

Common Loon

NBSO: Pingree Grove (Kane Co), 13 Jun (BSl); BraidwoodL, 6 Jun (JAS); LSpfld (basic plum), 13 Jul (HDB); Horseshoe Pond (Danville, Vermilion Co) (basic plum, found dead on the 4th), 11 May-4 Jun (BS:ph, JR:ph); *Jasper*, 6 Jun (RES); HL (Eagle Pk), 12-13 Jun (FRH); AmnBot, 13-17 Jul (DMK:ph, MSS, C&PD); MermetL, 4 Jul (DMK:ph).

Pied-billed Grebe

Breeding: GreenR (ad w/6 yg & ad w/6 very small, recently-hatched yg), 18 Jun & 31 Jul resp (DTW); Elburn FP (Kane Co) (ad feeding 2 yg), 23 Jul (EWW); Fermi (pr building nest), 5 May & (pr @ nest), 30 May (PK); Coal City (sewage ponds, Kankakee Co) (many incl 5 yg), 29 Jun (BJS); SandL (Mason Co) (8 ad, 10 yg), 23 Jul (KAM); AmnBot (pr w/10 juvs), 30 May (C&PD); KLMSNA (5 ads w/9 imm), 10 Jun (C&PD). **MC**: 20, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 30 Jul (EWW); 9 (2 broods), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 8, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB). **Other**: Goose Lake CA (McHenry Co) (calling), 19 Jun (BJS); Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co) (2), 19 Jun (BJS); RollinsSav, 17 Jun (SDB); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jun (MBl); LSpfld (Cinder Flats) (juv), 28-29 Jul (HDB); HL, 26 Jun (FRH); Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 11 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Ware Union Co) (3), 11 Jul (KAM).

Eared Grebe

Breeding: SandL (Mason Co) (pr w/ad on nest & adding nest material), 14-25 Jul & (pr w/2 chicks), 30-31 Jul (KBR & TH, KBR resp) & ad present 21 Aug (EWW). 2nd Illinois nesting record, 1st for central Illinois. Only one other instance of confirmed breeding in Illinois was in Riverdale (Cook Co) in 1981 w/multiple prs producing 3 broods, and suggestion of breeding there in 1982 before area was flooded. Only 3 other Jun/Jul records for state were in 1983 at HL & 1984 in Winfield (DuPage Co) & Monmouth (Warren Co) in 2002.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

NBSO: LCal (Burnham Pra M) (ad & imm), 21 Jun – late Jul, w/ad present until 4 Aug (WJM:ph, m.ob.:ph). 2nd year in a row @ this location.

Neotropic Cormorant, center two birds, immature, left, adult, right. Burnham Prairie Marsh, Cook County. 21 June 2011. Photo by Walter Marcisz.

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 300, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM); 284, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB); 252, BraidwoodL, 13 Jul (JBH); 150, LaSalleL, 17 Jul (BC); 120, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK). **Others**: RollinsSav (10), 17 Jun (SDB); Black Partridge FP (Des PlainesR, Cook Co) (9),19 Jun (SDB); Sang (up to 22 [24 Jun]) summering, w/32, 29 Jul) (HDB); KLMSNA (32), 12 Jul (C&PD); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co) (9), 18 Jul (CLH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (12), 21 Jun (DMK); RendL (4), 24 Jun (KAM); *White* (12), 30 Jun (CLH); Miller City & ECapeGir (Alexander Co) (2), 9 Jun (KAM); MermetL (4), 4 Jul (DMK).

ANHINGA

Emiquon (ThompsonL) (♀), 5 Jun (KBR); LtlBlkSl (18 ads soaring above heron rookery where nests of this species found in past years), 5 Jun (MML).

American White Pelican

Breeding: *Carroll* (new nesting island in MississippiR produced >400 yg), season (fide ASt, USF&WS vid). **MC**: 400, Big MuddyR levee (Jackson Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 357, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB); 165, Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co), 4 Jul (ATB); 80, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: LostMound (2), 24 Jun (EA et al.); Ridott (Stephenson Co) (35), 31 May (SDB); Chi (**FMNH**) (10 flyovers), 17 Jun (JB); BraidwoodL (7 & 13), 28 Jun & 3 Jul (SDB & JBH resp); Emiquon (22 &60), 4 Jun & 23 Jul (DRD & KAM resp); Sang (1-22), 4-15 Jun & 6-7, 13-31 Jul (HDB); HL, 13 Jun (FRH); CarlL-C (6), 12 Jun (DMK); *Wabash* (Amax prop) (15), 27-28 May (SDB); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (8), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); Big MuddyR (Union/Jackson Cos) (20), 11 Jun (KAM).

American Bittern

RockCut, 27 Jul (MDs:ph fide DTW); MidSav, 25 Jun (AR); GLPSNA, 3 & 13 Jul (RDH & AA resp); *Wabash* (Amax prop), 24 Jul (CLH).

Least Bittern

MC: 4, MermetL, 12 Jun (KAM); 3, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 1 Jul (DMK:ph). **Others**: McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (2), 5 Jun (NG, GAW, CLW); RollinsSav, 18 Jun (SDB); Prairie Wolf Sl FP (Lake Co), 19 Jun (JRS, BD) & (♀), 20 Jul (JA); PaulDouglas, 9 Jul (JE); **Chi (So. Pond)**, 23 Jun-19 Jul (SBB, GAW:ph, EG:ph MB:ph et al.); LCal (Burham Pra M), 2&15 Jul (WJM); GLPSNA (2), 3 Jul (RDH); GreenR, 25 Jun (JL:ph); HennepinL, 1 & 2 Jun & 16 Jul (SB & SDB & TH resp); SandL (Mason Co), 5

Above: Least Bittern. South Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 8 July 2011. Photos by Mark Bowman.

Left: Least Bittern. South Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 26 June 2011. Photo by Steve Huggins.

Jun (KBR); LSpfld (Cinder Flats), 26 & 29 Jul (HDB). 1st county record in 16 years!; PrRdg-M, 1 & 13 Jun (CLH); *Wabash* (Amax prop), 22 Jun (SDB); Levee Rd (Randolph Co) (2), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Great Blue Heron

Breeding: DuPage Twp (Boughton Rd & I-355, Will Co) (3 ad atop 3 nests), 30 Mar (SDB); Des PlainesR (Lemont Twp, Cook Co) (32 on 25 nests), 29 Mar (SDB); LCal (Indian RidgeM) (ad on 4 nests), 7 May-1 Jun (WJM, CAM); LCal (Whitford Pond) (rookery, ads on nests), Mar (CAM fide WJM); Spring Crk (Loda Twp, Iroquois Co) (10 nests w/ads atop 4), 2 Apr (SDB); Sang (several rookeries), season (HDB); Heron CP (15 birds in & near 15+ nests), 18 Mar (BS:ph); CedarCrk (25 ad w/47 chicks), 21 May (RSR); LtlBlkSl (75 ads @ nests in rookery at various stages), 5 Jun (MML). **MC**: 447, AmnBot, 16 Jul (C&PD); 200, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 184, Sang, 17 Jun, w/171 there, 2 Jul, incl #s of juvs (HDB); 120, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 70, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB); 42, BraidwoodL, 13 Jul (JBH); 60, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40, CarlL-C, 3 Jun (DMK). **Others**: LCal (Burnham Pra M) (melanistic, uniform brown bird), 2 Jul (WJM:ph); *Wabash* (Amax prop) (29), 27 May (SDB).

Great Egret

Breeding: LCal (Indian RidgeM) (10 birds w/ads incubating on 4 nests in phragmites & one carrying nest material), 1 Jun & ads on nests w/1 & 2 yg, ad feeding 1 lg yg, & ad @ nest, 25 Jul (WJM, CAM); LCal (Whitford Pond) (likely nested amongst GBHE rookery; 7 displaying ads), 5 Apr (WJM); LtlBlkSl (250 ads @ nests in rookery at various stages), 5 Jun (MML). **MC**: 629, AmnBot, 16 Jul (C&PD); 400, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 150, *Pulaski*, 11 Jun (KAM); 100, Big MuddyR/MississippiR valleys (nw. Union Co/sw Jackson Cos), 25 Jun (KAM); 60, CarlL-C, 5&25 Jun (DMK); 40, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40, SantaFe, 3 Jul (DMK); 30, CarlL-F, 12 Jun (DMK); 23, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB); 20, ESTL, 1 Jun (DMK). **Others**: JP (2), 29 Jun (THe). Only record for season for this location.; Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co), 5 Jun (BM); Sang (several singles), Jun w/1-2 there 7-13 Jul (HDB); St. Joseph Wetland (St. Joseph, Champaign Co) (2), 4 Jun (GSL); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), mid-Jul (EJC); LVermilion (Vermilion Co), 3 Jul (JR); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co) (10&5), 4 Jul & 5 Jun resp (CLH); *Wabash* (Amax prop) (2), 30 Jun (CLH).

Snowy Egret

Breeding: CRSNA (Johnson Co) (10+ perched in trees & carrying sticks w/CAEGs & LBHEs forming a rookery; but rookery later dissipates, likely due to receding flood waters), 10 May (MML). **MC**: 26, AmnBot, 2 Jul (C&PD); 9, *Pope*, 12 Jun (KAM). **Others**: CarlL-C (4), 3 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Ware, Union Co) (6), 11 Jun (KAM).

Far Left: Great Blue Heron young. Paul Douglas Forest Preserve, Cook County. May 2011. Photo by D. Yamaski.

Left: Great Blue Heron pair at Heron County Park rookery, Vermilion County. 18 March 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo

Little Blue Herons. Burnham Prairie Marsh, Cook County. 3 June 2011. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Little Blue Heron

Breeding: LtlBlkSl (pr in GBHE/GREG rookery), 5 Jun (MML); CRSNA (Johnson Co) (40+ perched in trees carrying sticks w/CAEGs & SNEGs forming a rookery; but rookery later dissipates, likely due to receding flood waters), 10 May (MML). **MC**: 600, Levee Rd, AmnBot, 24 Jul (DMK); 85, Levee Rd (Ware, Union Co), 11 Jul (KAM); 80, *Pope*, 12 Jun (KAM); 20, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 5 Jun (DMK). **Others**: LCal (3, 2 ad, imm "calico"), 21-23 Jun, w/ad thru 2 Jul (BJS, WJM et al.); SandL (Mason Co), 5 Jun (KBR); Sang ("calico"), 10 Jul & juv, 16-28 Jul, w/4 there 23-24 Jul (HDB); *Calhoun* (6), 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); ESTL (6), 1 Jun (DMK); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (6 ad), 4 Jun (TJD).

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SandL (Mason Co), 5 Jun].

Cattle Egret

Breeding: Batavia (Kane Co) (pr exchanging incubation duties @ nest), 9 May (MM); CRSNA (Johnson Co) (40+ perched in trees carrying sticks w/SNEGs & LBHEs forming a rookery; but rookery later dissipates, likely due to receding flood waters), 10 May (MML). **MC**: 120, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (DMK); 75, SandL (Mason Co), 5 Jun (KBR); 62, *Mason* (several sites), 1 Jul (KBR); 46, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 16 Jun (EG); 45 (one field), Saidora (Mason Co), 8 Jul (KBR); 33, *Wabash* (Amax prop), 30 Jun (CLH); 30, ESTL, 14 Jul (KAM); 20, SaugetM (St. Clair Co), 9 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Fermi (1-2), 2-28 Jun (PK); Montrose, 1 Jun (RC:ph); Sang, 1&30 Jun & 12 Jul (ad) (HDB); CarlL-C (6), 5 Jun (DMK); PrRdg-M (9), 1 Jun (CLH); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co), 23 & 28 Jun (RES & CLH resp); Grand Tower (Jackson Co) (4), 30 Jul (EWW); Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK).

In-flight: Black-crowned Night-Heron with stick for nest building. South Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. 14 June 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Black-crowned Night-Heron copulating. South Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. 13 April 2011. Photo by Steve Huggins.

Green Heron

Breeding: Chi (So. Pond) (4 juv), 2 Jul (JIN); JP (2 ads, 4 yg), 27 Jul (PRC); Sang (nest w/4 yg), 30 Jun (HDB). **MC**: 14, Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co), 18 Jul (CLH); 10, MidSav, 25 Jun (AR); 7&4, Sang, 11 Jul & 20 Jun resp (HDB); 7, *Wabash* (Amax prop), 22 Jun (SDB); 6, RollinsSav, 25 Jul (BJS); 6, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK). **Other**: MermetL (4), 12 Jun (KAM).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Breeding: Chi (So. Pond, Lincoln Pk) (260 w/138 nests & much nest-building, 12 May, w/149 nests by 19 May) (MMy), then 55 juvs on nesting island, 17 Jul (JIN); LCal ("apparently no successful nesting at traditional

Sandhill Cranes attempt nesting in central Illinois

Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis*) have attempted nesting at Heron County Park, Vermilion County, for the past two years. This is the southernmost known breeding attempt for this species in Illinois. The 2011 clutch of two eggs produced one young; however it apparently drowned due to local flooding or got eaten by a predator. Amazingly, the area where they placed their nests in both 2010 and 2011 has seen extensive flooding both years. The breeding pair remained in the area at least into early winter – they were found on the 2011/2012 Christmas Bird Count.

Top left, an adult examines its eggs. (21 March, David Weible ph.)

Top right, an adult sits on a nest. (19 March, Bob Schifo ph.)

Center, an adult looks at its young. (21 April, D. Weible ph.)

Bottom left, two adults with young (21 April, B. Schifo ph.)

Bottom right, an adult feeds a young on the nest (21 April, D. Weibel ph.)

Top left, an adult rests with its chick on the nest. (21 April, Bob Schifo ph.)

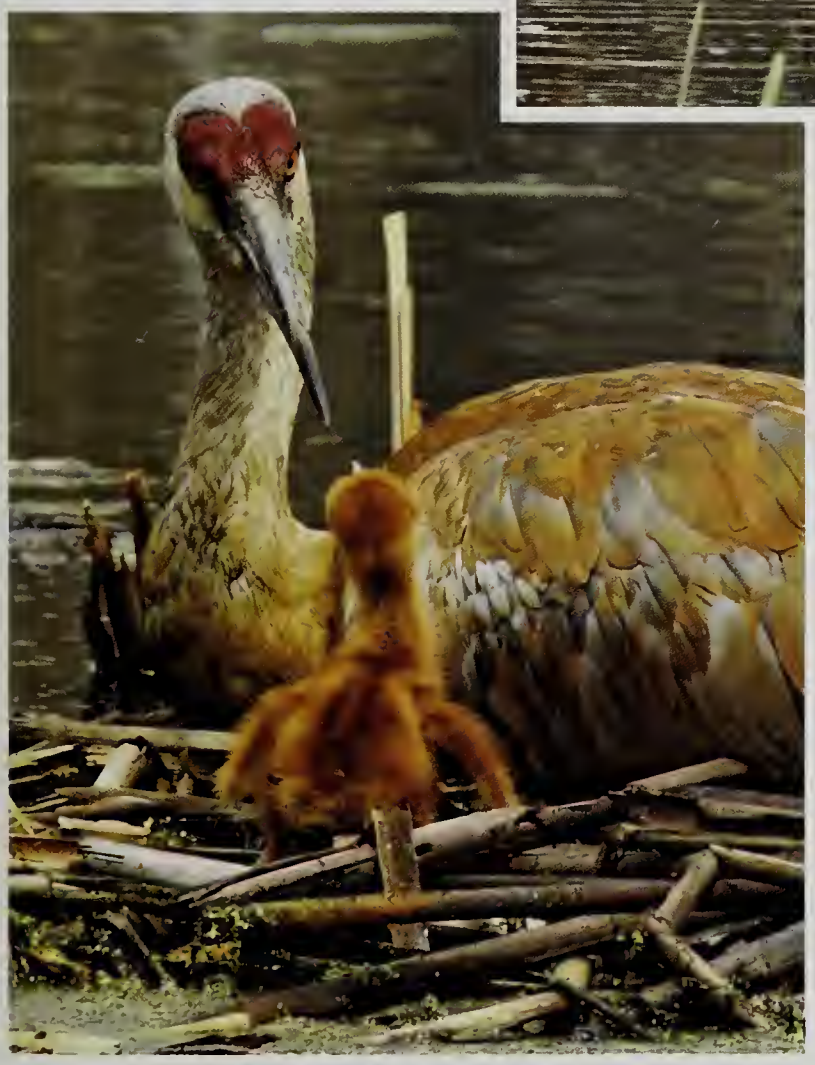
Top right, the chick swims near its parent. (21 April, David Weible ph.)

Center, the pair watches the young chick. (21 April, D. Weible ph.)

Bottom leftt, an adult with young. (21 April, D. Weible ph.)

Bottom right, a chick sits on the back of an adult. (23 April, B. Schifo ph.)

These photos show an intimate portrait of the life of a Sandhill Crane family through the lenses of photographers Bob Schifo and David Weible.



locations, for the 1st time in 27 years") (WJM). **MC**: 260, see above; 12, ESTL, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: RollinsSav (juv), 25 Jul (BJS); AlmondM (ad), 11 Jun (TLn); Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (2 & 4), 8 & 12 Jul (SF). 3 ad observed w/subad carrying sticks; Batavia (Kane Co) (ad), 27 Jun (MM); Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co) (7), 12 Jul (SDB); Chi (Columbus Pk), 12 Jun (EGl); Chi (Rosehill Cem), 30 Jun (MD); JP (3 ads, imm), 29 Jun (KMC et al.); HennepinL (2), 16 Jul (BC, DHr, TH); BraidwoodL (ad), 13 Jul (JBH); Minonk (Woodford Co) (imm), 27 Jun (TH); Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM); LVermilion (Vermilion Co) (ad), 3 Jul (JR); PrRdg-J (4), 1 Jun (RES); Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (2), 24 Jun (DMK); PrRdg-M (ad), 1 Jun (CLH); *Lawrence* (4), 31 Jul (CLH); KaskaskiaR (New Athens, St. Clair Co) (juv), 20 Jul (TJD); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (3), 24 Jul (DMK).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Breeding: *Johnson* (4 nestlings), 24 Jun & (fledged), ~ 10 Jul (MML). **MC**: 4 & 3 (imm), Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 11 Jun & 15 Jul resp (DMK:ph). **Others**: Evanston (No. Shore Channel, Cook Co) (ad & juv), 27 & 28-31 Jul (MMC & CBT resp); Chi (ChiR), 20 May-3 Jun Chi (RCw); Chi (So. Pond, Lincoln Pk) (1st yr), (JIN:ph); LCal (Heron Pond) (ad), 21 Jun & 15 Jul (WJM); *Madison*, 3&11 Jun (KAM & FRH resp); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co) (ad), 18 Jul (CLH); *Lawrence* (juv), 31 Jul (CLH); MermetL, 12&26 Jun (KAM).

White-faced Ibis

NBSO: Levee Rd (Union Co), 11 Jul (KAM, GNe, JRRS).

WOOD STORK

NBSO: MidSav, 7 Jun (JF:ph).

Black Vulture

MC: 60, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 5, *Massac*, 26 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Groat (Franklin Co) (3), 31 Jul (EWW); 18 Btms (Franklin Co) (2), 20 Jun (LWS); Levee Rd (Randolph Co), 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (4 perched on barn roof, indieative of breeding there), 30 Jul (EWW:ph).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 80, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (nightly roost on town water tower), 31 May (SDB); 67, Sang, 9 Jun (HDB); 66, Marissa (St. Clair Co), 10 Jun (TUM, VMK et al.); 40, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 39, Lively Grove Twp (Washington Co) (using lg snag for roost), 25 Jun (TJD); 36, 18 Btms (Franklin Co), 20 Jun (LWS); 34, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 32 (roost), Sand Ridge Twp (Jackson Co), 30 Jul (RSR); 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 9&21 Jun (DMK, MSS); 27, *Union*, 25 Jun (KAM). **Others**: *Putnam* (16), 2 Jun (SDB); LostMound (13), 24 Jun (EA et al.); IBSP (11 incl partial albino-winged bird), 26 Jul (EWW).

Osprey

Breeding: Chi Sanitary & Ship Canal atop electrical tower (DuPage Co) (pr @ & near & incubating on nest), 7 Apr-17 May+ (WJM:ph); Fermi (pr cop on nest), 21 Apr & (2-3 yg seen in nest), 25 Jun (PK); LCal (attempted [but failed] nest attempt atop nest platform @ Powderhorn Lake FP), w/ads noted near nest 4 Apr-21 Jun (WJM et al.); LCal (pr atop cell tower @ Cargill prop but also probably unsuccessful), 31 Mar-1 Jun (WJM et al.); Palos (3 successful nests at Bergman's Sl, John J. Duffy FP (1 yg in nest 4 Jun), and Little Red Schoolhouse NC), season (WSS); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (pr nest building atop wooden platform), 16 Apr (DWh); BannerM (ad @ nest), 20 May (KAM); CarlL-C (♂ @ nest 3, 16, 17, 21 & 25 Apr & 7 May; pr @ nest 23-24 Apr) (DMK); MermetL (pr @ nest atop lg utility tower), 13, 24 & 28 Apr (KAM, CAT, SDB), but gone, knocked down by storms, 12 Jun (KAM). **Others**: St. Mary'sL (Mundelein, Lake Co), 21 Jul (NM); LaSalleL, 29 Jun (SDB); Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co), 27 Jul (MHB).

Mississippi Kite

Breeding: Rekfd (2 prs returned to their Bloom School nesting territories and were noted building 2 nests, 20 May. On 26 Jun, ♂ was at one nest & 2nd nest abandoned due to nest damage due to strong winds 30 May. ♂ perched w/♀ in nest, 9 Jul. Eggs in active nest apparently hatched

Wood Stork. Middlefork Savannah, Lake County. 7 June 2011. Photo by Jeff Fox.

by 23 Jul w/ad feeding CHSW prey to nestling and chick seen in nest 29 Jul (DTW, LGB et al.). Four ad & one juv regularly seen until early to mid Sept (DTW, m.ob.:ph). **MC**: 12, Mound City (Pulaski Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 7 (ads hunting dragonflies), ECapeGir, 30 Jul (EWW); 6, TOT, 11 Jun (KAM); 6, Dixon Springs SP (Pope Co), 8 Jun (VMK, TRE). **Others**: *Madison* (2), 12 Jun (FRH); *Jackson* (2), 11 Jul (KAM); CRSNA (Johnson Co) (4), 4 Jul (DMK:ph); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (2), 12 Jun (KAM); Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co), 30 Jul (EWW); Karnak (Pulaski Co (2), 30 Jul (EWW); HLCA (2), 25 Jun (KAM).

Bald Eagle

Breeding: Durand (Winnebago Co) (pr @ nest w/2 chicks), 6 Mar (DTW); Rekfd (Apt quarry) (pr ads), 24 Jul (DTW); Freeport (Stephenson Co) (pr @ nest w/2 chicks), 6 Mar (DTW); GrassL (Lake Co) (ad on nest), 17 Apr (M&LF) but nest blew down in a June storm BS). Nest moved to nearby location; Batavia (Mooseheart, Kane Co) (ad on nest), 26 Mar & (pr @ nest w/2 downy yg), 29 Apr (RD:ph), & (nest fell from tree during storm), 29 May (RD:ph), & eaglets placed in new, wire-mesh nest), 31 May (RD:ph), but then removed on 2 Jun when ads failed to attend to yg, and raised at rehab center until fledge; L&D 13 (ad on nest), 31 Mar (ASt et al.); Cattail Crk Sl (Union Grove Twp, Whiteside Co) (pr & 3 yg, w/2 fledged by 26 Aug; newly discovered nest, w/lots of corn stalks used in nest construction) (RN); Letcher Basin Pr (Woodford Co) (pr cop on 13 Feb, w/ad on nest, 17 Feb, w/1st yg noted 30 Mar, then 3 yg, 18 Apr, though 3rd nestling not seen after 21 May. Siblieide?) (MJA); Chau (none of 3 nest sites here were active), season (RGB, SNB); ClearL (Mason Co) (two nest sites here hatched eaglets), season (RGB, SNB); LSpfld (pr fledged 2 yg), 21 Jun (HDB); Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (ad w/just-fledged juv), season (JR); Middlefork R near Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (2 yg fledged), season (fide SDB). 2nd county nest/breeding pr; BigL (Brown Co) (pr @ nest), 17 Apr (TW); *so. Clinton* (pr of ads @ nest), 4 Mar & SantaFe (3 incl nest w/yg), 12 Jun (KAM & DMK resp). Same nest?; *Johnson* (ad @ nest), 12 Mar (KAM); UCCA (LyerlaL) (pr @ nest), 17 Mar (KAM). **Others**: Coral (MeHenry Co) (imm), 25 Jun (RAM, ALM); Alba Twp (Henry Co) (ad), 25 Jun (DFS); HennepinL (2 imm & ad), 16 & 2 Jun

Bald Eagle at nest with young. Mooseheart, Kane County. 10 May 2011. Photo by Ron Dickenson.

(RAM, LM, JV & SDB resp); BraidwoodL (1st yr), 3 Jul (JBH); KankakeePks (ad), 7&11 Jul & (1st yr), 8 Jul (JBH); Maekinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (ad), 8 Jun (MEF); Emiquon (imm), 23 Jul (KAM); *Calhonn*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); Chouteau Twp (Madison Co) (ad), 2 Jun (TJD); HL (ad & imm), 13 Jun (FRH); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co) (ad), 5 Jun (CLH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (2), 21 Jun (DMK); Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co) (ad), 9 Jun (KAM); HLCA (ad), 11 Jun (KAM); ECapeGir (ad), 11 Jun (KAM).

Cooper's Hawk. Catlin, Vermilion County. 11 June 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Northern Harrier

GLPSNA (♂), 29 Jun (BJS), but 2, 3 Jul & 1, 13 Jul (RDH & AA resp); Stillwell_ (♀), 3 Jun (VMK); *Schuyler* (ad ♂), 28 Jul (KBR); PrRdg-J, 16 Jun (RES); PrRdg-M (pr), 15 Jun w/♀ there 26 Jul (CLH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (♀), 1 Jun (DMK).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Lone Grove FP (Kane Co) (imm), 14 Jun (ATB); WaterfallGlen (ad carrying food), 22 Jun (REF).

Cooper's Hawk

Breeding: IBSP (2 nests), 17 Mar & 7 May (EWW); Lake Forest (Lake Co) (pr @ nest), 9 Apr (EWW); Orland Park (Cook Co) (2 nests in residential area 6 blocks apart; one nest lost 3 yg due to storm on 7 Jun, but 2 fledged from other nest) (WSS); Kankakee (ad on nest w/4 eggs in mature honey locust in suburban yard), 10 Jun (fide JBH); CarlL-C (pr in eourtship flight), 29 May (DMK). **Others**: *McHenry* (2), 25 Jun (RAM, ALM); Union_ (2), 12 Jun (SDB); RollinsSav, 17 Jun-9 Jul (SDB, SLD); Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 31 May (SDB); Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co), 13 Jun (SDB); Danada FP (DuPage Co), 14 Jun (JC); Fermi, 26 Jun (PK); JP (2, 1st yr), 22 Jun (PRC); Sandy Ford NP (LaSalle Co), 29 Jun (SDB); Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co), 4 Jun (JBH); KankakeePks, 4&8Jul (JBH); Heyworth (McLean Co), 11 Jun (BW); Bonnie's Pra NP (Iroquois Co) (carrying bird), 25 Jun (SDB); Maekinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); Sang (seen on 11 days), Jul (HDB); Catlin (Vermilion Co), 11 Jun (BS:ph); *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); HL, 13 Jun (FRH); *Madison* (I-70), 12 Jun (DMK); Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); ESTL (2), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); Belleville (St. Clair Co), 27 Jun (DMK); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (ad), 13 Jun-13 Aug (TJD); Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co), 21 Jun (KAM); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 19 Jul (KAM); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun & 1 Jul (DMK); *Union*, 25 Jun (KAM).

Red-shouldered Hawk

Breeding: Sang (present & nesting @ Riverside Pk [imm], & Buekhart, 30 Jul) (HDB). **MC**: 5 (imm), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 3, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 3, HutehinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 3, MermetL, 12 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Aurora (Kane Co) (pr), 13 Jul (KF); Salt Crk Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 Jun (DFS); CampPoint_ (ad), 4 Jun (VMK); HL (imm), 15 Jul (DMK); Clay City Twp (Clay Co) (2+), 25 May-23 Jun (SDB); CarlL-C, 6&12 Jun (DMK); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co), 21 Jul (CLH); Old Shawneetown (Gallatin Co) (2), 30 Jun (CLH).

Broad-winged Hawk

Breeding: Rckfd (pr & juv noted in Bloom Sehool area as last year, with nest likely in that area), 26 Jun-24 Jul (DTW, SLD:ph, SDB et al.:ph); Spfld (Washington Pk) (ad on nest), 16 Jun (HDB); Palos (pr mating in backyard), 7 May (WSS). **Others**: Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co), 30 May (CAT, TLK); St. Charles (Kane Co) (flew over yard), 13 Jul (MB); Spring Creek FP (Cook Co), 23 Jun (REF); Salt Crk Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 & 23 Jun (DFS & BJS resp); SwallowCliff, 28 Jun (DFS); *Jackson*, 11 Jun (KAM).

Broad-winged Hawk juvenile at nest in local, residential area, Bloom School, Rockford, Winnebago County. 31 August 2011. Photos by John Longhenry.

Swainson's Hawk

Breeding: *Kane & McHenry* (prs nested & reared at least one yg at each loeation), season (RAM, ALM); Burlington (Kane Co) (ad & ad, juv), 5 Jul (dive-bombed RTHA) & 27 Aug resp (SDB).

Red-tailed Hawk

Breeding: IBSP (No. Unit) (ad @ nest), 17 Mar (EWW); IBSP (So. Unit) (nest), 11 Apr (EWW); North Chieago (Lake Co) (nest), 7 Apr (EWW); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co) (nest), 17 Apr (EWW); Fermi (ads on 2 nests), 25 Mar (PK); LCal (4 active nests), 13-22 Apr (WJM); Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (ad earrying snake to nest), 3 Jul (JE); Central (Kendall Co) (nest), 2 Apr (EWW); RiverBend (earrying stieks to nest site), 23 Mar (CKA); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (carrying stieks to nest site in eonifer on private prop), 13 Apr (CKA); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (ad on nest w/3 yg, on eross member between 2 utility poles), 18 Apr (JOS); Heron CP (nesting within GBHE rookery), Mar-Jun (BS). **MC**: 14, *McHenry*, 13 Jun (RAM, ALM); 6, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 5, *Monroe* & Levee Rd (Monroe), 28 Jun & 24 Jul (KAM & DMK resp). **Other**: JP (imm), 12 Jun (HC et al.). Only report for season.

American Kestrel

Breeding: Fermi (pr perched on nestbox), 2 Jun & (♂ bringing food to 3 yg perehed atop nestbox), 25 Jun (PK); Davis Junetion (Ogle Co) (pr w/3 just fledged yg, one of whieh landed on highway), 9 Jun (DTW). **MC**: 8, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 13 Jul (DMK); 6, Sang, 13, 27&29 Jul (HDB). **Other**: JP (imm), 25 Jun (EJG). Only report for season.

Peregrine Falcon

Breeding: Wauk (power plant) (pr @ nest w/fledglings), 7 May (fide PYB, vid webeam); Savanna (Carroll Co) (pr eop @ nest box), 31 Mar

Virginia Rail juvenile. Air Station Prairie, Glenview, Cook County. 10 July 2011. Photo by Craig Thayer.

(ASt et al.); Chi (Bridgeport neighborhood) (pr dive-bombing nearby building manager atop neighboring building across from nest), 1 Apr (fide JG); LCal (one @ Henry Ford Bridges, per last year's nest site), 2 Jul (WJM). **Other**: ESTL (MLK Bridge), 3 Jun (KAM). **NBSO**: Chau, 28 Jul (KBR).

[BLACK RAIL

White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (♂), 3 Jun-1 Jul (SDB). Responded to tape playbacks of this species calls in ideal, sedge meadow breeding habitat on two dates, approaching to within 6 feet each time. Likely breeding; Havana (Mason Co) (calling male @ same location as 2010), 8 Jul]

King Rail

GLPSNA, 11 Jul (REF); PrRdg-M, 1&13 Jun (CLH, RES).

Virginia Rail

Breeding: Air Station Pra (Glenview, Cook Co) (pr w/full-grown juv & 2-3 small chicks), 9 Jul (JE, JA, CBT:ph); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co) (juv), 8 Jul (BJS); RollinsSav (juv), 8 Jul (BJS); **MC**: 14 (calling ads @ 5 locations), RollinsSav, 17 Jun-8 Jul (SDB); 6, Prairie Wolf FP (Lake Co), 17 Jul (RCn, BD, JRS). **Others**: MidSav (pr), 6 Jun (AR); GreenR, 30 Jun (SDB, PAM); Otter Crk Bend Wetland Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) ("several"), 3 Jun (BKh:ph); Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 5 Jul (SDB); SwallowCliff, 28 Jun (DFS); LCal (Deadstick Pond), 11 Jun (RLS); HennepinL (2), 3 Jul (DFS). **Southern edge of range**: Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co), 25 Jun (SDB).

Sora

Breeding: RollinsSav (2 juvs), 8 Jul (BJS); Air Station Pra (Glenview, Cook Co) (ad & juv), 9 Jul (CBT). **MC**: 5 (calling ads @ 2 locations), RollinsSav, 17 Jun (SDB); 5, Prairie Wolf FP (Lake Co), 17 Jul (RCn, BD, JRS). **Others**: Burlington Twp (Kane Co), 10 Jul (PAM); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jun (MBl); Air Station Pra (Cook Co), 4 Jul (JPL); Bath (Mason Co) (calling), 1 Jul (KBR); Mansfield (Piatt Co), 29 Apr-14 Aug (GT:ph). Very unusual occurrence of a bird showing up in a rural, central Illinois (very rare as a breeder in this part of state) yard after a storm dumped a lot of rain into surrounding fields/ditches, w/bird staying most of the summer, eating corn put down for birds and hanging out at the water feature and other areas close to the house in a 3 acre yard surrounded by very large acreages of corn and soybeans. Remains of the bird were found on the 14th, apparently having succumbed to a predator. Bird (at least wings) did not appear to be injured, though was not noted flying; PrRdg-M, 1 Jun (CLH); *Wabash* (Amax prop), 24 Jul (CLH). Early migrant?

Purple Gallinule

Levee Rd (Monroe Rd), 27-28 Jun (DMK:ph, MSS, KAM).

Common Gallinule

Breeding: Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co) (pr w/5 yg), 26 Jun (M&LF); GreenR (4 groups incl 5 ad w/4,4,3&2 yg), 31 Jul (DTW); near Elburn FP (Kane Co) (2 pr & 8 fledglings), 16 Jul (REF), w/pr building 2nd nest, 23 Jul (EWW); HennepinL (pr w/6 chicks), 16 Jul, & 10-12 pr, all w/yg on 25 Jul (TH & GNe, JRRS, KKM, AS resp); Havana (Mason Co) (juv @ 2 locations a mile apart), 21 Aug (EWW); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (pr w/2 downy yg), 27 Jun (DMK); **MississippiR levee (Union Co)** (2 families of 5 w/one group of chicks < half the size of the other, 30 Jul-6 Aug (LWS, DDM, EWW). **MC**: 8 (ads, 6 pr?), GreenR, 30 Jun (SDB, PAM). **Others**: Goose Lake CA (McHenry Co) (2 calling), 19 Jun (BJS); Redwing Sl (Lake Co) (2 calling males), 26 Jun (EWW); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co) (2), 4 Jun (MBl); Foley Sand Pra (Lee Co) (pr), 25 Jul (GNe, JRRS, KKM, AS); LCal (Heron Pond) (ad), 1 Jun (WJM, CAM); HennepinL (2), 16 & 2 Jun (RAM, LM, JV & SDB resp); SandL (Mason Co) (3 ad), 20 Jul (KBR); HL, 5 Jul (FRH); KLMSNA (2), 21 Jun (DMK:ph); Levee Rd (Randolph Co) (2), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); MermetL, 12 & 26 Jun (KAM).

American Coot

MC: 80, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Avon Twp (Lake Co), 17 Jun (SDB); GreenR, 30 Jun (PAM, ASt); Chi (So. Pond, Lincoln Pk), 12 Jun (JlN); Gridley Sewage Lagoons (McLean Co), 12 Jul (BM); Emiquon (ThompsonL), 18 Jun (DB); Kinmundy (Marion Co), 18 Jun (KAM); HL, 10 Jul (FRH); CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (3), 1 Jun (DMK); *Wabash* (Amax prop) (2), 27 May-9 Jun (SDB, RES).

Sandhill Crane

Sandhill Crane with young. This pair nested at a private wetland next to rural residences near Route 47 north of I-88, Kane County. 30 May 2011. Photo by Robert Meierhans.

Breeding: Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (2 ad w/small, downy, flightless colt), 31 May (SDB); Ridott (Stephenson Co) (pr w/2 colts), 12 Jun (DTW); Spring Grove (McHenry Co) (pr w/2 colts), 26 Jun (EWW); Batavia (Mooseheart, Kane Co) (ad w/2 flightless, downy colts), 29 May (RM:ph) & (pr w/2 colts), 5 & 25 Jun (KML & KL resp); L&D 13 (ad on nest), 2 Apr (ASt et al.); **Heron CP** (ad on nest), 19 Mar & (nest inundated again by flood waters w/one unhatched egg, but a newly hatched colt swims to safety), 21 Apr & (although colt gone [predated?]), 26 Apr (BS:ph, DW:ph, JR, SDB et al.). **MC**: 7 (ads; failed nests?), RollinsSav, 17 Jun (SDB, SLD); 6, Batavia (Mooseheart, Kane Co), 25 Jun (KL). **Others**: Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (pr), 27 Jul (ATB); Franklinville (McHenry Co) (2), 12 Jun (SDB, SLD); McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (pr), 12 Jun (MT); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co) (pr), 12 Jun (MBS); MidSav (pr), 6 Jun (AR); GreenR (pr; nesting attempt?), 25 & 31 Jul & 12 Aug (GNe:ph, JRRS, KKM, AS & DTW, & EWW resp); Foley Sand Pra (Lee Co) (pr), 25 Jul (GNe, JRRS, KKM, AS); Blackberry Twp (Kane Co) (Pr arrive @ rural yard 28 Feb, bring 2 small colts to feed in lawn 30 May, & 2, ½ grown, flightless(?) yg back in yard 16 Jun, & 2 full grown yg w/ad pr on home patio, pecking at patio windows, 22 Jul. 4th year, pr w/yg in yard (BMs:ph); Fermi, 12 Jun & 2, 12 Jul (PK, BL); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 7 Jun (RLS); HennepinL (2), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV); Middlefork FP (Champaign Co) (2 ad w/imm. Nested in large wetland here?), 10-16 Aug (B&SS); Shokokon (Henderson Co) (pr bugling;nesting?), 15 May (EWW).

Killdeer

Breeding: *McHenry* (Dunham Rd. sod farm) (pr w/2 chicks), 17 May (DTW); PeacockM (Will Co) (8 ad w/5 yg), 22 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); Allerton Pk (Piatt Co) (ad on nest w/eggs in parking lot), 7 May (CKA); *Johnson* (ad @ nest w/1 egg), 23 Mar (but abandoned next day) (MML). **MC**: 300, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 200, Chau, 28 Jul (KBR); 150, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM); 148, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 7 Jul (TJD); 116&63, Sang, 22 Jul & 30 Jun resp (HDB); 40, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 35, Milford_25 Jun (SDB); 34, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB). **Note**: "Good breeding season. The wet weather delayed farm cultivation and aided the nesting" (LLH).

Black-necked Stilt

Breeding: So. of Princeville (Peoria Co), (4, week-old chicks; nested on the road of private facility; 1st county nest record?), 29 Jun (TRE); SangchrisL SP (Christian Co) (2 yg, 10 Jul & 4yg w/3 ad, 18 Jul & flying by 23 Jul (HDB); *Wabash* (Amax prop) (12 ad & 4 juv), 9 Jun & 9 Jul resp (RES); AmnBot (8 ad w/2 on nests), 8 Jun (C&PD); Degognia Twp (Jackson Co) (ad w/1/2 grown chick), 30 Jul (RSR); Raddle (Jackson Co) (2 locations incl ad w/4, ½ grown chicks & one dead ad (?); pr w/4, ½ grown chicks; 4 ad w/3, ½ grown chicks; pr w/4 nearly grown chicks), 30 Jul (RSR); Cora (Jackson Co) (ad w/1/2 grown chick), 30 Jul (RSR); ECapeGir (3 pr; 4 yg, 2 yg), 30 Jul (EWW). **MC**: 120 (ads w/yg), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 88 (incl 20+ yg), MississippiR levee

(Union Co), 6 Aug (LWS, DDM); 40, Emiquon (Wilder Tract), 15 Jul (LLH); 26 (ad & yg), Degognia & Fountain Bluff Twps (Jackson Co), see above; 8 (ad), Grand Tower (Lower Chute Rd, Jackson Co), 30 Jul (RSR). **Others**: HennepinL (2), 12-19 Jun (RAM, LM, JV & TH), w/one possibly sitting on nest 18 Jun (JAS); *Kankakee* (2), 11 Jun (JBH:ph); Lynchburg Twp (Mason Co) (pr), 12 Jun (KBR); Sang (5), 9 Jun (HDB); CarlL-C (6), 3 Jun (DMK); PrRdg-M (4 & 2), 1-15 Jun & 21 Jun (CLH & RES resp); *Wayne* (3), 18 Jul (RES); *Madison* (5), 31 Jul (FRH). Migrants?; *Pulaski*, 11 Jun (KAM); Miller City (Alexander Co) (7), 9 Jun (KAM).

Spotted Sandpiper

Breeding: Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (pr copulating), 22 May (DTW); Fermi (ad w/3 yg), 25 Jun (PK); South Barrinton Conservancy (Cook Co) (2 prs w/1&2 juvs), 9 Jul (ABA); JP (brood of 3, w/1st ad 12 Jun & recently hatched yg 27 Jul (PRC); Sang (a few prs attempting to nest), Jun (HDB). **MC**: 54, several locations (Cook, DuPage, Lake & McHenry Cos), 15 Jul (BJS); 35, Emiquon (Wilder Tract), 10 Jul (KBR); 15, Wood Dale-Itasca Res (DuPage Co), 29 Jun (BJS); 12, GreeneVal, 5 Jul (MAM); 8, Sang, 8 Jul (HDB); 7, Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 12 Jul (BJS). **Others**: Ridott Twp (Stevenson Co) (pr), 1 Jun – 6 Jul (SDB); Seneca Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun (SDB); RollinsSav (5), 8 Jul (BJS); Chi (Columbus Pk), 12 Jun (EGl); Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 5 Jul (SDB); DuPage River Confluence FP (Will Co) (pr), 28 Jun (SDB); BraidwoodL (5), 3 Jul (JBH); KankakeePks (2), 4 & 7 Jul (JBH); Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co) (2), 25 Jun (SDB); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co) (2), 15 Jun (MEF); Champaign (Curtis Rd wetland), 12 Jun (GSL).

Upland Sandpiper

Breeding: PrRdg-J (pr @ nest w/4 eggs), 18 May (CLH). **MC**: 8 (ads, 7♪♂), Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 4 (ads), PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al). **Others**: LostMound (pr), 24 Jun (fide RN); North Henderson Twp (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); Walnut Twp (Bureau Co) (1-2), 11-14 Jul (DH); Arlington (Bureau Co), 18 & 23 Jun (JAS & MAM resp); Earlville (LaSalle Co) (1-3 calling), 16 Jun (ATB et al.); Midewin (calling birds @ 2 locations), 12 & 19 Jun (REF); Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co) (calling flyover), 4 Jun (JBH); Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 10 Jun but 5 there 1 Jul (TH); Waynesville (McLean Co) (2), 28 Jun (VMK); Sang (flyovers), 29&30 Jul (HDB); PrRdg-M (2 ad), 7 Jun (CLH).

Marbled Godwit

NBSO: LSpfld (ad), 18 Jun (HDB:ph). Coming or going?

Wilson's Snipe

Hamilton Twp (Lee Co), 30 Jun (SDB, PAM, ASt); Dekalb Twp (Dekalb Co), 7 Jun (ATB); HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); Havana (Mason Co) ("likely summering/breeding & not a migrant"), 1 Jul (KBR).

American Woodcock

Breeding: Caledonia (Boone Co) (ad w/4 chicks) (GN fide DTW); LCal (HegewischM) (nest w/4 eggs), 13 Apr (WJM). **Others**: Lakewood FP (BrobergM, Lake Co), 12 Jun (SDB, SLD); IBSP, 26 Jul (EWW); O'Hare CUP Reservoir (Elk Grove Village, Cook Co) (4, family group?), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 13 Jun (SDB); GLPSNA, 29 Jun (BJS).

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: 37 & 25 (mostly alt plum), GLNTC, 8 Jul & 27 Jun resp (DRD). **NBSO**: Montrose, 9 Jul (LGM); LaSalleL, 17 Jul (BC); Emiquon, 14 & 23 Jul (KBR & KAM resp).

Laughing Gull

NBSO: Rckfd (RockR) (ad), 11 Jul (DTW, BCW); Montrose (1st cycle/2nd cycle), 2 & 6 Jun (RDH); LSpfld (ad & imm), 7 Jun & ad (non-breeding), 17 Jun (HDB); CarlL-C, 17-18 Jul (MSS); *Wabash* (Amax prop), 22 Jun & 26 Jun (2nd winter) (CLH).

Franklin's Gull

NBSO: Emiquon (ThompsonL) (ad), 5 Jun (KBR); LSpfld (non-breeding ad), 17-25 Jun (HDB:ph).

Ring-billed Gull

Breeding: Wauk (3 pr cop), 5 May (EWW); Chi (ChiR & LMich) (67 ads on nests & 185 yg of-the-year), 18 Jun (GAW). **MC**: 4352 (Chi @ ChiR & LMich), 18 Jun (GAW); 1750 (incl 15 juv), NPM, 24 Jul (EWW); 1000 (no breeding evidence), GLNTC, 27 Jun (DRD); 268, JP, 10 Jul (PRC); 253, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 250, Sang, 31 Jul (HDB); 200, CarlL-C, 19 Jul (DMK); 150, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM). **Others**: LaSalleL (15), 29 Jun (SDB); BraidwoodL, 28 Jun (SDB); HennepinL (2), 2 Jun (SDB); Sang (1st juv), 4 Jul (HDB); EForkL, 12 Jul (CLH). Early fall arrival?
Leaucistic bird: Montrose (all white except a few small gray areas in mantle & wings), 8 Jun (SGS:ph).

Herring Gull

Breeding: Wauk (68 nests), 8 May, but 28 there 19 Apr (EWW:ph); Chi (ChiR & LMich) (37, incl 7 on nests), 18 Jun (GAW). **Other**: Rckfd (3-5 ad present), Jun-24 Jul (DTW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

NPM (1st summer), 24 Jul (EWW).

[Slaty-backed Gull

NBSO: NPM, 5 Jun*].

Caspian Tern

Breeding: Wauk (pr cop), 11 May (EWW); Chi (ChiR & LMichigan) (625 ad, 129 downy yg & nest w/2 eggs), 18 Jun (GAW:ph). Nesting colony seems to have grown substantially on lakefront rooftop since its initial discovery in 2009.; PeacockM (Will Co) (pr cop), 13 May (EWW). **MC**: 754, see above; 15, LaSalleL, 29 Jun (SDB); 33, NPM, 24 Jun (EWW). **Others**: GLNTC, 27 Jun (DRD); Fermi, 12 Jun (PK);JP (7 ad), 19 Jun (PRC); HennepinL (2), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV); Emiquon (1 & 6), 18 Jun & 23 Jul (DB & KAM resp); Sang (8, 7 ad), 27 Jun (but seen all month), w/11 there, 31 Jul (HDB); SantaFe (6), 30 Jun (DMK); *Wabash* (Amax prop), 9 Jun (RES).

Common Tern

Breeding: GLNTC (28 ad, 14 nests w/32 eggs & 2 chicks), 15 Jul; Renested inside new fenced-in area after bad storm 1 Jul, however nests later abandoned after not being incubated properly, causing nest desertion by early Aug. Possible PCB problems w/adults?? **MC**: 29, GLNTC, 26 Jul (DRD). **Other**: HennepinL (basic plum), 2 Jun (SDB).

Forster's Tern

MC: 12, RendL, 14 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, CarlL-C, 19 Jul (DMK); 5, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM). **NBSO**: HennepinL (2nd summer), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV), & 3 there 12 Jun (TH).

Least Tern

Breeding: Degognia Twp (Jackson Co) (7 ad), 30 Jul (RSR); Miller City (Alexander Co) (10 ad w/at least 2 chicks, w/ads on 3 nests), 23 Jul (MJW, TH); Willard (Alexander Co) (pr mating in flooded field & aggressive interaction w/2 SAND), 4 Jun (MML). **MC**: 15 & 8, Miller City (Alexander Co), 25 Jun & 30 Jul (KAM & EWW resp); 12, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 4 Jul (DMK). **Others**: *Wayne* (3 ad), 19 Jul (CLH, RES); *Wabash* (Amax prop) (6 & 4), 20 Jul & 10 Jun resp (CLH); 18 Btms (Franklin Co) (3), 15 Jul (LWS). "1st record of this species in 23 years of birding *Franklin*" (LWS).

Black Tern

Breeding: RedwingSl SNA (Lake Co) (pr on territory), 26 Jun (EWW); BrobergM (Lakewood FP, Lake Co) (3 ads @ historic nesting site), 12 Jun (SDB, SLD). **MC**: 20, EPSL, 29 Jul (MEF); 12, Emiquon (ThompsonL), 17 Jun (KBR); 10, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Nieman's Pond (Freeport, Stephenson Co), 31 May (SDB); Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co) (4), 5 & 19 Jun (BJS) & (2), 26 Jun (M&LF). Does this species breed here?; McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (2), 5 Jun (NG, GAW, CLW); GLNTC (alt plum flying so.), 27 Jun (DRD). **NBSO**: HennepinL (2), 2, 4&6 Jun (TH).

Rock Pigeon

Breeding: Hamilton Twp (Lee Co) (ad on nest in barn), 30 Jun (SDB, PAM); Dallas City (Hancock Co) (nest building), 15 May (EWW). **MC**: 200, ESTL, 1 Jun & 15 Jul (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); 53, 18 Btms (Franklin Co), 20 Jun (LWS); 48 (1 flock), Alba Twp (Henry Co), 29 Jun (SDB); 35, *Wabash* (Amax prop), 27 May (SDB).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Breeding: Bushnell (McDonough Co) ("2 or 3 prs nested"), season (LLH). **MC**: 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 8, Stillwell_, 3 Jun (VMK); 7, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 6, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK). **Others**: Kings (Ogle Co) (pr), 11 Jun (EWW); Steward (Lee Co), 11 Jun (DJS); Chi (near Lincoln Pk), 4 Jun (JIN); North Henderson Twp (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); Putnam (Putnam Co) (2), 2 Jun (SDB); Leonore

Mourning Dove juvenile. Alma, Marion County. 3 June 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

(LaSalle Co) (2), 29 Jun (SDB); Gridley Sewage Lagoons (McLean Co), 12 Jul (BM); Sang (seen on 7 days, w/4 there 29 Jul) (HDB); *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); Girard (Macoupin Co), 24 May (SDB); Litchfield (Montgomery Co) (2), 24 May (SDB); Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); ESTL, 1 Jun (DMK); CarlL-C (4), 25 Jun (DMK); Kinmundy (Marion Co) (3), 26 Jun (KAM); Beaucoup_ (4), 6 Jun (DMK); Jamestown_ (4), 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); Geff (Wayne Co), 26 May (SDB); Columbia_ (2), 4 Jun (KAM); Ware (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); *Pulaski* (3), 25 Jun (KAM).

Mourning Dove

Breeding: North Chicago (Lake Co) (nest building), 13 May (EWW); CBG (ad on nest in conifer w/mate perched nearby), 23 Apr (ABA); LCal (ad on nest), 31 Jul (EWW); Urbana (ad on nest in parking garage), 12 May (CKA); RiverBend (ad on nest; nest later abandoned,), 1 Jun, but then later seen on nest again 27 Jul, but not seen again after 6 Aug (CKA). **MC**: 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); 85, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 70, Sang, 20 Jul (HDB); 61, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 61, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 60, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 60, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 60, Levee Rd (Union Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 54, *Schuyler*, 24 Jul (KAM); 54, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 50, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 50, Stillwell_, 3 Jun (VMK); 49, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 48, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 44, Fairbury_, 23 Jun (VMK).

Note: "Good breeding success, numerous young birds seen" (LLH), in west-central Illinois.

Monk Parakeet

Breeding: LCal/*se. Cook* (6 nests w/ads @ or building nests @ 4 locations), 8 Mar-21 Jun (WJM, et al.); sw. Chi (ad @ nest), 17 May (WJM). **Others**: Chi (Rosehill Cem), 23 Jun (fide MD); JP (4), 3 Jul (PRC).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: Spring Creek FP (Cook Co) (family group w/fledglings), 23 Jun (REF). **MC**: 3, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 17 Jun (WSG, WP). **Others**: WaterfallGlen, 22 Jun (REF); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 2 Jun (AAA:ph); McClaughry Springs FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun (EG); **JP** (2), 23 & 27 Jul (HC et al. & PRC resp); Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 14 Jun (TH); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 1 Jun (MEF).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: *Johnson* (nest w/4 eggs), 17 July & (3 yg fledged), 2 Aug (MML). **MC**: 35, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1,4,8&10 Jun (LWS); 14, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 8-29 Jun (SDB); 12, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 12, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 8, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 8, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 7, Camp Point_, 4 Jun (VMK); 6, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 5, Sang, 13&20 Jun (HDB); 5, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 4, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 4, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, *Crawford*, 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); 4, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 3, Hennepin Twp (Putnam Co), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV); 3, Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co), 22 Jun (SDB); 3, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 3, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 3, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 22 Jun (SDB).

Note: "Very common this summer. I heard calling birds nearly every time I was in the field" (LLH).; Sang (seen on 26 days in Jul, but MC only 4) (HDB); "Better numbers this year on BBS routes than many previous years" (VMK); As most of these comments and locations of high counts are within the widespread periodic cicada emergence area this summer, does the increase in sightings for this species relate to this abundant food source for this species?

Black-billed Cuckoo. John J. Duffy Forest Preserve, Cook County. 2 June 2011. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Barn Owl

Breeding: PrRdg-M (ad present 5 Apr, thru 2 May (nest w/6 eggs), then 2 nests; ad w/6 yg & ad w/3 eggs, 1 yg), 13 Jun (RES, CLH). One bird noted near one nest site 25 Jul (CLH). Nesting again?; Breeding confirmed w/19 nests (mainly in nest boxes) thru 31 Jul, in 11 so. Illinois counties incl *Christian/Montgomery* (on county line), *Bond, Effingham, Marion* (see above), *Perry, Hamilton, Jackson, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope & Pulaski* (TE, AM). **Other**: *Edwards*, 20 Jul (RES); *Pope*, 12 Jun (KAM).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 2, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 10&24 Jun (KAM); 2, *Alexander*, 9 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Great Horned Owl

Breeding: Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (ad on nest), early Apr (ASt); RedwingSl SNA (Lake Co) (2 fledglings), 26 Jun (EWW); IBSP (juv begging for food), 23 Jul (EWW); Riverwoods (Lake Co) (nest in yard w/1+ yg), 10 Apr (fide BJM, ph); Clinton Twp (Dekalb Co) (ad on nest), 27 Mar & (yg in nest), 23 Apr (DJS); Batavia (Kane Co) (Ad w/2 downy fledglings), 30 Apr (RD:ph); Rutland FP (Kane Co) (ad on nest), 4 Feb (WL); Montgomery (Kane Co) (ad w/yg, downy fledgling), 15 May (MM, RM:ph); DYNL (pr near nest w/3 yg perched on branch), 30 Apr (MM);

Above: Great Horned Owl juvenile. Nelson Lake Marsh Forest Preserve, Kane County. 4 June 2011. Photo by Marion Miller.

Great Horned Owl young. Batavia, Kane County. 30 April 2011. Photo by Ron Dickenson.

Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co) (2 nests w/2 & 3 yg), 21 Apr (PAM, SDB); Fermi (ad flew from nest w/3 yg), 21 Apr (PK); Ottawa Twp (LaSalle Co) (ad on nest), 12 Feb, & later yg in nest (DJS); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (ad @ nest cavity in broken-off tree trunk, w/2, ½ grown yg), 22-26 Apr (fide SDB, ph); Bloomington (McLean Co) (ad & 3, 2-3 week-old yg in old RTHA nest), 6 Mar (RGH); LOW (ad perched above nest w/2 nestlings on 29 Apr, ad preening nestlings on 1 May, then only one fledgling perched on branch near nest on 12 May, then perched on branch of nearby tree on 18 May (CKA); Potomac (Vermilion Co) (ad on old RTHA nest high in sycamore), 16 Apr (SDB); Freeburg Twp (St. Clair Co) (ad on nest), 16 Mar (TJD). **MC**: 5 (prs), IBSP, Feb-Apr (EWW).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird at nest. Palos Park, Cook County. 23 July 2011. Photo by Craig Thayer.

Barred Owl

Breeding: LowdMil (nest), 18 Jun (REF); Sandwich (Dekalb Co) (2-3 week old yg fell out of nest), 27 Apr (fide LC); Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (ad & juv), 3 Jul (JE). **MC**: 5, Orient Btms (Franklin Co), 17 Jun (LWS); 5, *Hamilton*, 8 Jun (LWS, LAB); 4, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 24 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Cherry Hill Wds FP (Cook Co), 11 Jun (RLS); White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 1 Jun (SDB); Sandy Ford NP (LaSalle Co) (2), 29 Jun (SDB); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 15 Jun (MEF); RiverBend (2), 20 Jul (CKA); Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 24 Jun (SDB); Clay City Twp (Clay Co), 25 May (SDB); Flag Pond SNA (Clay Co) (2), 26 May (SDB).

Common Nighthawk

MC: 14, Kewanee (Henry Co), 29 Jun (SDB); 6 (singles), Spfld, between 1-20 Jun (HDB); 4, *Edwards*, 8 Jul (RES). **Others**: Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co) (2), 2 Jun (BJS); Prairie Wolf FP (Lake Co), 17 Jul (RCn, BD, JRS); Batavia (Kane Co) (several), 20 Jun (RM); Coal City (Grundy Co) & Ottawa (LaSalle Co), 11 Jul (REF); Kankakee, 30 Jul (JBH); KankakeePks, 16 Jul (JBH); *Cass*, 24 Jul (KAM); Spfld, 15 Jun (KAM); Hoopeston (Vermilion Co), 25 Jun (SDB); Litchfield (Montgomery Co), 20 Jun (SDB); Effingham (Effingham Co) (♂), 1 Jul (EWW); Troy (Madison Co), 21 Jul (KAM); Belleville (St. Clair Co), 3 Jun (DMK); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (3), 10 Jun (KAM); CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK); Salem (Marion Co) (pr calling/courtship displays), 28 May (SDB); Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); Mt. Vernon (territorial/courtship flight display), 26 May (SDB); Marion (Williamson Co) (2&3), 10 Jun & 29 Jul (KAM & EWW resp); Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co), 30 Jul (EWW).

Chuck-will's-widow

MC: 5, *Hamilton*, 8 Jun (LWS, LAB); 3, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 10 & 16 & 22 Jun (KAM & EG & SDB resp). **Others**: Goose Lake Twp (Grundy Co) (♪♂), 8-20 Jul (SAC, CAT, REF m.ob.); Big River SF (Henderson Co) (2 ♂ on territory), 16 May (EWW); Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 30 Jun (DMK); Sam DaleL SF&WA (Wayne Co), 29 May (RES).

Eastern Whip-poor-will

Breeding: sw *Hamilton* (pr w/yg), 1 Jul (EWW). **MC**: 17, *Hamilton*, 8 Jun (LWS, LAB); 12, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 13 Jun (LWS, LAB); 7, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 22 Jun (SDB); Sam Dale Lake SF&WA (Wayne Co) (5♂), 1 Jul (EWW); 5, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR). **Others**: IBSP (♪♂), 6 Aug (EWW); Goose Lake Twp (Grundy Co) (♪♂), 8-17 Jul (SAC, REF et al.) & 2, 13 Jul (AA); *Jefferson*, 7 Jul (RES).

Chimney Swift

MC: 900, Rckfd, 4 Jul (DTW, BCW); 50, *Randolph*, 9 Jun (KAM); 30, Somonauk (Dekalb Co), 15 Jul (DJS); 30, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH). **Other**: JP (28), 12 Jun (PRC).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Breeding: Woodstock (McHenry Co) (♀ on nest in yard), 24 Jul (D&MC); LowdMil (nest), 18 Jun (REF); WaterfallGlen (♂ performing courtship aerial display to ♀), 22 Jun (REF); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (ad in nest), 30 May (MM). **MC**: 180 (ads; 163 newly banded, 17 returns from 2006-2010), *s. St. Clair*, 31 May (VMK); 147, MRB, 29 Jul (C&PD); 96 (ads; 85 newly banded, 11 returns from 2007-2010), Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 9 Jul (VMK); 93 (ads; 72 newly banded, 21 returns from 2007-2010), *w. Brown*, 2 Jun (VMK); 82 (ads; 73 newly banded, 9 returns from 2010), *ne. Coles*, 30 Jul (VMK); 80 (ads; all newly banded), New Athens (St. Clair Co), 10 Jun (VMK); 71 (ads; 54 newly banded, 17 returns from 2005-2010), *w. Fulton*, 27 May (breeding birds) (VMK); 67 (ads; all newly banded), *s. Madison*, 23 Jul (VMK); 62, (ads; 56 newly banded, 6 returns from 2010), *c. Menard*, 4 Jul (VMK); 62 (ads; 53 newly banded, 9 returns from 2009-2010), *s. Bond*, 15 Jul (VMK); 56 (ads; 52 newly banded, 4 returns from 2010), Patterson Twp (Greene Co), 2 Jul (VMK); 51 (ads; 48 newly banded, 3 returns from 2009-2010), *c. Calhoun*, 30 Jun (VMK); 45 (ads; 43 newly banded, 2 returns from 2008), New Athens (St. Clair Co), 24 Jun (VMK); 40 (@ feeders), West Frankfort (Franklin Co), 24 Jun (LWS); 34, (ads; 30 newly banded, 4 returns from 2008-2010), *s. Moultrie*, 26 Jun (VMK); 31, Pomona, 31 Jul (RSR); 16, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 6, Sang, 17 Jun (HDB); 6, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 5, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 5, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR). **Others**: Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co) (2♂), 30 May & 27 Jun (SDB, SLD); LowdMil (3), 30 May (EG); JP (occasional sightings in area frequented in recent years), season (PRC et al.); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (3), 8 Jun (MEF).

Note: "Could have banded 200+ RTHUs on/at many days/locations this summer" (VMK).

Belted Kingfisher

Breeding: Mahomet (Champaign Co) (on 13 Apr pr cop on utility line & flying back & forth to a free-standing dune near road, and next to an ORV path, taking turns excavating nest burrow, then by 24 Apr burrow hole entrance enlarged and ad near burrow, and though ♂ present on 11 May, burrow eventually abandoned) (CKA); RiverBend (ad carried food to a burrow next to lake), 1 Jun (CKA). **MC**: 10, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5 (family group), Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co), 24 Jul (DTW); 5, Sang, 30 Jul (HDB).

Red-headed Woodpecker

Breeding: Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (pr excavating nest cavity), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW); Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (ad carrying food to nest), 29 Jun (DTW). **MC**: 17, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 7, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 7 Jul (SDB); 6, Sang, 9 Jul (HDB); 6, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR). **Others**: Sands Main St Pra NP (Cary, McHenry Co) (juv), 23 Jul (JLs); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 24 Jul (DE, EE); RollinsSav (2 locales), 9 Jul (SDB); Mettawa (Lake Co), 11 Jun (SDB, SLD et al.); MidSav (3), 9 Jun (AR); Fox River Shores FP (Kane Co) (2+), Jun/Jul (EES); Chi (No. Branch ChiR) (2), 30 Jun (MD); Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (2 pr), 3 Jul (JE); Richland Grove (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); HennepinL (3), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV); Sherburnville_ (4), 5 Jun (JBH); KankakeePks (2), 4&7 Jul (JBH); CampPoint_ (3), 4 Jun (VMK); *Edwards* (4), 16 Jul (RES); Martinsville_ (3), 24 Jun (SDB); *Crawford* (4), 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); Kell_ (3), 29 May (SDB); HLCA (3), 25 Jun (KAM).

Note: "None recorded on 5 of 10 personal BBS routes" (VMK); "My best year for Red-headed Woodpeckers in past 5 years. I observed them more in surrounding counties as well." (RES).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Breeding: Rckfd (juv), 24 Jul (DTW); LOW (♀ spent considerable time going in & out of nest hole), 1 May (CKA); MeadbrkPk (pr feeding nestlings @ hole), 28 Jun (CKA). **MC**: 37, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1, 4, 8&10 Jun (LWS, LAB); 18, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 17, BurntPrairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 16, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 14, RollinsSav, 8-9 Jul (SDB); 14, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 12, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 12, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

LostMound, 24 Jun (fide EA).

Downy Woodpecker

Breeding: Zion (Lake Co) (ad feeding juv @ feeder), 24 Jun (EWW). **MC**: 24, RollinsSav, 8-9 Jul (SDB); 17, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 9, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 8-29 Jun (SDB); 7, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 6, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 6, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR).

Adult male Downy Woodpecker feeding its male young. Alma, Marion County. 5 June 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 7, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 8-29 Jun (SDB); 5, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 3 Jul (SDB). **Others**: JP (pr, w/one bringing food to other at nest-hole), 25 Jun-3 Jul (PRC, PAD et al.). Tree subsequently felled by storm.; Sang (noted on 17 days in Jul) (HDB).

Northern Flicker

Breeding: CBG (ad investigating possible nest hole), 23 Apr (ABA); LOW (♀ going in & out of nest hole), 11 Apr (CKA); RiverBend (pr on ground feeding 1 yg), 10 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 12, RollinsSav, 17 Jun- 9 Jul (SDB); 8, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 6, Sang, 6 Jul (HDB); 5, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 5, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 5, Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun (SDB).

Pileated Woodpecker

Breeding: RockCut (pr @ nest cavity), 5 May (DTW), then (pr w/2 juv), 15 Jul (RV); **WaterfallGlen** (ad w/juv), 29 Jun (REF); Hoover FP (**Kendall Co**) (pr @ nest cavity 6 May & pr feeding 2 yg in cavity 28 May & yg a few feet outside nest cavity 30 May) (MM et al.:ph). **MC**: 21, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1, 4, 8&10 Jun (LWS, LAB); 16, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 11, *Jackson* (4 locations), 21 May-9 Jun (RSR); 6, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 6, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (♂), 5 Jun (DTW); Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (pr), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW); SwallowCliff, 11 Jun (RLS); Catalina Grove FP (Cook Co), 11 Jun (RLS).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Breeding: Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (pr building nest), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW); RockCut (juv begging food from ad), 25 Aug (DTW); Modena (Stark Co) (mostly completed nest), 23 May (EWW); Urbana (U of I Forestry) (ad feeding 2 fledglings), 8 Sept (GR:ph fide CKA); ZeiglerL (Franklin Co) (2 nests), 25 May (LWS). **MC**: 31, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1, 4, 8&10 Jun (LWS, LAB); 25, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 17, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 16, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 13, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 12, RollinsSav, 17 Jun-9 Jul (SDB); 12, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 8-29 Jun (SDB); 12, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 11, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 10, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 10, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM).

Pileated Woodpecker at nest with two young. Hoover Forest Preserve, Kendall County. May 2011. Photo by Larry Granat.

Acadian Flycatcher

Breeding: WaterfallGlen (nest), 13 Jun (REF); *Johnson*, *Pulaski* & *Union* (384 nests found & monitored, many parasitized by cowbirds), May-Jul (MML et al.). **MC**: 57, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1, 4, 8&10 Jun (LWS, LAB); 46, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 40, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 40, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 33, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 28, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 25, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 24, Heron Pond & LtlBlkSl (Johnson Co), 16 Jun (EG); 16, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 16, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 12, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 7, Orient Btms (Franklin Co), 17 Jun (LWS); 6 (4♪♂), Clay City Twp (Clay Co), 25 May (SDB). **Others**: Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (3), 1 Jul (DTW); Kilbuck FP (Winnebago Co), 29 Jun (DTW); nw. Rckfd (2), season (DTW); MissPalis (6, 5♪♂), 30 May (EG); Springbrk (♪♂), 19 Jun (AA); Sandy Ford NP (LaSalle Co) (3, 2♪♂), 29 Jun (SDB); Hickory Crk FP (Will Co) (3 on territory), 30 May (AAA:ph); MomenceWet, 9 Jul (RDH); Banner (Fulton Co) (♪♂), late May-early Jul (KBR); Sang (3), 6 Jun (HDB); HomerL FP (old Homer Pk area, Champaign Co) (♪♂), mid-Jul (EJC); Hunter Twp (Edgar Co) (♪♂), 24 Jun (SDB).

Willow Flycatcher

MC: 10, GreenR, 18 Jun (DTW); 9♪♂, Orangeville (Stephenson Co), 1 Jun (SDB); 9 (8♪♂), White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 8, Nachusa, 21 Jun (ABH); 6♪♂, Campton FP (Kane Co), 22 Jun (ABH); 5, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 19 Jun (EWW); 5, Chi (Columbus Pk), 12 Jun (EG); 3-5, *Woodford*, 12 Jun (MEF); 4, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (RLS); 4♪♂, Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (SDB).

Least Flycatcher

RollinsSav (♪♂), 18 Jun (SDB); GreeneVal (♪♂), 13 Jun (MAM); Turtle-head Lake FP (Cook Co), 12-19 Jun (AAA, BJS); Williamsfield_, 5 Jun (DJM).

Eastern Phoebe

Breeding: Rckfd (pr feeding just hatched yg on 22 May & yg fledged on 6 Jun. Pr then started 2nd nest on 15 Jun, w/2 yg hatched 2 Jul & they fledged 19 Jul (DTW); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (ad @ nest w/food for 2 yg), 30 May (MM); *Piatt* (ad on nest atop porch light), 3 May (CKA); MeadbrkPk (carrying food to nest under bridge, & chasing NRWS away), 23 May (CKA); MeadbrkPk (nest under different bridge w/~3 yg incl one BHCO), 24 Jun (CKA); Centralia (Marion Co) (active nest on porch light), 16 Jun (JJ); *Johnson* (nest w/5 eggs), 13 Apr (MML). **MC**: 12, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, Sang (HDB).

Great Crested Flycatcher

Breeding: Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (pr feeding yg in EABL nest-box), 24 Jun (BS:ph). **MC**: 33, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1, 4, 8&10 Jun (LWS, LAB); 12, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun-3 Jul (SDB); 11, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 8 Jun (SDB); 11, Sang, 10 Jun (HDB); 10, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 9, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 8, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 7, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 7&6,

Bell's Vireo at Nachusa Grasslands, Lee County. 13 June 2011. Photo by Mark Bowman.

Bell's Vireo with wasp. Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Will County. 4 June 2011. Photo by Brian Tang.

Bell's Vireo. Catalina Grove, Cook County. 2 June 2011. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co), 27 May & 23 Jun resp (SDB); 7, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 7, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 6, Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 30-31 May (SDB); 6, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 6, Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 1 Jun (MEF); 6, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 6, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR).

Western Kingbird

Breeding: Granite City (Madison Co) (pr @ nest), 19 Jun (JWL). **Others**: *Nc. Ogle*, 11-13 Jun (DTW, EWW:ph, JD); GreenR, 26 Jun (EWW:ph); WaterfallGlen, 13 Jun (REF); GreenR, 26 Jun (EWW:ph); Chi (NoP & So. Pond, Lincoln Pk), 3-4 Jul (JIN, EG et al.); Bartonville_ (Trivoli Twp), 12 Jun (RF); ESTL (3), 15&25 Jul w/one there by 20 Jun (DMK:ph); HL, 8 Jun (FRH); Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM).

Eastern Kingbird

Breeding: RollinsSav (carrying very long strand of nest material [2X length of bird] to nest site), 17 Jun & (nest @ above site, in buckthorn w/2 eggs), 8 Jul (SDB); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (2 fledglings), 27 Jul (WJM); *Tazewell* (on nest), 2 Jul (MJW); LOW (ad feeding fledgling), 21 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 35 & 9, Sang, 26 Jul & 26 Jun resp (HDB); 17, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 12, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 11, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 10, RollinsSav, 8-9 Jul (SDB); 10, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, ESTL, 15 Jul (DMK); 10, CarlL-C, 25 Jun & 19 Jul (DMK); 9, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 9, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM). **Other**: LostMound (7), 24 Jun (EA et al.); JP (7; "perhaps 7 territories"), 19 Jun & 27 Jul (PRC).

Great Crested Flycatcher nesting in bluebird box. Kenneknk County Park, Vermilion County. 24 June 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Breeding: MRB (Kaskaskia Rd) (pr), 3 Jun-19 Jul, w/♀ on nest in small redbud tree along highway, 14 Jun-9 July & pr w/juv, 12 Jul (C&PD:ph, SDB et al.); AmnBot (Stringtown Rd) (pr & pr w/5 juv), 4 Jun - 30 Jul (DMK:ph, C&PD:ph). Only 7 straight-line miles between these two nests! **Other**: Spring Lake Twp (Tazewell Co) (♀ chased off by BRTH), 3 Jun (KBR).

Loggerhead Shrike

Breeding: Midewin (ad on nest), 14 May (JBr et al.) & (ad w/3 juv), 3 Jul (RDH:ph); Decker Twp (Richland Co) (ad w/2 yg), 21 Jul, w/birds present here since 4 Jan (CLH); MermetL (juv), 30 Jul (EWW). **Others**: **PaulDougl**as, 5-10 Jun (fide MMC); **Chi** (near Lincoln Pk), 19 Jun (JIN); MineralM NP (Henry Co), 25-29 Jun (DFS, TRE, SDB); Neoga Twp (Cumberland Co), 1 Jul (CAT, TLK); Smallwood Twp (Jasper Co), 18 May - 16 Aug (CLH); CarlL-C (Sandridge Rd), 12 Jun (DMK); Louisville Twp (Clay Co), 23 May - 21 Jun (CLH); Preston Twp (Richland Co), 27 Apr – 6 Jul (CLH); Denver Twp (Richland Co), 14 Jun (CLH); Salem Twp (Edwards Co) (pr), 13 Jul (RES); Albion Twp (Edwards Co), 22 Jul (CLH); Lick Pra Twp (*Wabash* Co), 15 Jul (CLH); *Johnson*, 5 Jun (MML).

Note: "My worst year (for finding this species) in *Edwards* and surrounding counties." (RES).

White-eyed Vireo

Breeding: *Union* (nest w/4 eggs), 18 May (MML); *Johnson* (new nest w/1 egg), 12 May (MML). **MC**: 30, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 20, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 15, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 13, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 10, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 10, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 10, Pulaski_, 9 Jun (VMK). **Others**: RockCut (4), 2 Jul (DTW); Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 7 & 23 Jun (SF); WaterfallGlen ("successfully nested"), 29 Jun (REF); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 11 Jun (RLS); Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (3), 3 Jul (JE); Hickory Crk FP (Will Co) (on territory), 30 May (AAA:ph); HennepinL (♪♂), 3 Jul (DFS); Maz/Braid (Kankakee Co) (♪♂), 28 Jun (SDB); Banner (Fulton Co) (♪♂), early May-early Jul (KBR); Sang (3; "low #s"), 8 Jun (HDB).

Bell's Vireo

Breeding: GreenR (ad w/2 yg), 12 Aug (EWW); Otter Crk Bend Wetland Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) (pr @ nest), 4 Jun (MM); Catalina Grove FP (Cook Co), 2 Jun (pr cop) & 19 Jun (AAA:ph); WaterfallGlen ("successfully nested"), 12 Jun (REF); Midewin (♪♂ carrying nest material), 1 Jun (AA); LOW (ad @ nest), 2 Jun (CKA); Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co) (ad @ nest with 4 host & 2 BHCO eggs), 5 Jun (BM:ph). **MC**: 11, Frankfort Twp (Franklin Co), 11 Jul (LWS); 6, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 6, BraidwoodL, 3 Jul (JBH); 6, Sang, 4 Jun (HDB); 6, Groat (Franklin Co), 31 Jul (EWW); 5♪♂, Nachusa, 27 May-29 Jun (ABH); 4 (ad), GreenR, 18 Jun (DTW). **Others**: Rckfd (Apt), 2-3 Jul (DTW); Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (3), 5 Jul (AA); Campton FP (Kane Co) (♪♂), 8&22 Jun (ABH); Fermi (♪♂), 2 Jun-7 Jul (PK); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 15 Jun (RLS); Florid (Putnam Co) (3 ♪♂), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (2), 8 Jun (MEF); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co) (3♪♂), 25 Jun (SDB); LOW (pr & 2nd ♪♂), 13 May – 7 Jul (CKA); Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 24 Jun (SDB); Kell_ (3), 29 May (SDB); HL, 17 Jul (FRH); ESTL, 25 Jun (DMK); Pea-

Mississippi Kites continue nesting in Rockford

Above, the pair copulates. (5 June, Vic Berardi ph.)

Left, an adult brings a cicada from its feet to its beak to eat. (21 August, John Longhenry ph.)

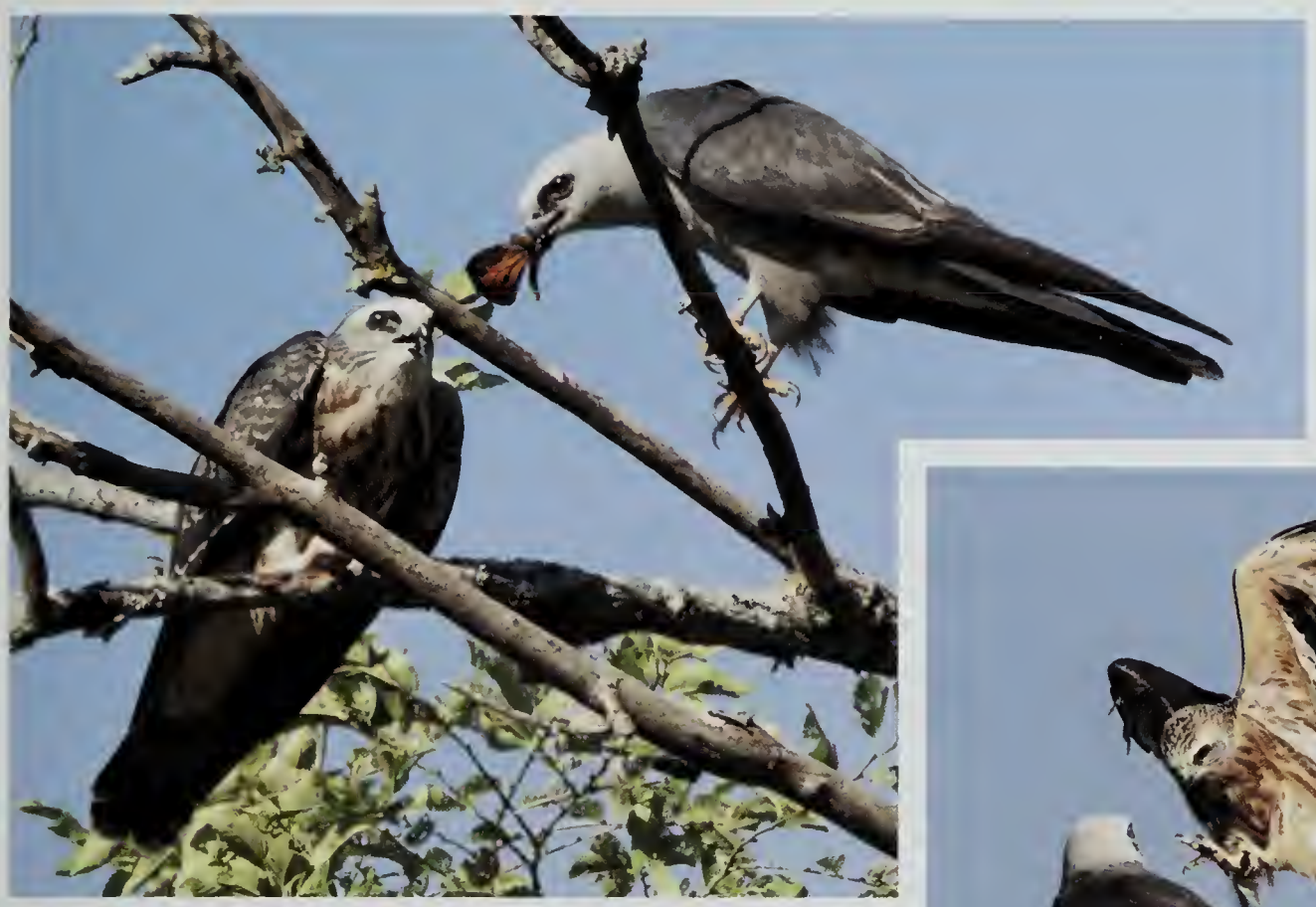
For the fourth consecutive year, Mississippi Kites (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) have nested near Bloom School, Rockford in Winnebago County.

Several fine photographers who observed the intimate life of a family of kites share their portraits of adults and young and the food they ate throughout the 2011 nesting season.

Right, an adult carries a stick to add to the nest. (28 August, J. Longhenry, ph.)

Left, a male eats a Chimney Swift, while the female waits (apparently) in vain for some of the meal. (17 July, J. Longhenry, ph.)

Above, an adult kite captures a cicada (Summer 2011, Jerry Goldner, ph.)



Left, an adult feeds a monarch to a juvenile. (28 Aug., J. Longhenry ph.)

Above, a young kite lands near its parent. (13 Sept., J. Longhenry ph.)

Above, a young kite eats food brought by the parent. (8 Sept. J. Longhenry ph.)

Right, an immature kite prepares for its first migration. This juvenile was last seen 15 Sept. 2011. (13 Sept. J. Longhenry ph.)

body River King SF&WA (St. Clair Co), 26 Jun (DMK); PrRdg-M (2), 15 Jun (JWW et al.); Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co) (♪♂), 27 May (SDB); *Edwards*, 26 Jun (RES); CONWR, 9 Jun (KAM); Joppa (Massac Co), 30 Jul (EWW).

Yellow-throated Vireo

Breeding: WaterfallGlen ("successfully nested"), 13 Jul (REF). **MC**: 5, Sang, 28 Jun (HDB); 5, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 5, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 4, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 4♪♂, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 4, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 4, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 4, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM). **Other**: JP (♪♂), 6 Jul (HC et al.). 1st summer record for JP (PRC).

Warbling Vireo

Breeding: Pratt'sWW (Pr @ nest w/one on nest), 5 Jun (MM); WaterfallGlen ("successfully nested"), 13 Jun (REF). **MC**: 14, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 13, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 12&11, Sang, 2 Jul & 17 Jun resp (HDB); 12, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 1 Jun (DMK); 9, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 8♪♂, RollinsSav, 17 Jun-8 Jul (SDB); 8 (♪♂), JP, 8 Jun (PRC); 8, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 7♪♂, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 7♪♂, Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 5 Jul (SDB); 7, BraidwoodL, 3 Jul (JBH); 7, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 6, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM).
Note: "Modest #s", Sang, Jun (HDB).

Red-eyed Vireo

Breeding: Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad feeding 3 yg), 5 Sept (EWW); WaterfallGlen ("successfully nested"), 1 Jul (REF); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (ad in nest), 30 May (MM); Hickory Crk FP (Will Co) (ad on nest), 30 May (AAA:ph). **MC**: 19 (16♪♂), Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun-3 Jul (SDB); 18, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1, 4, 8&10 Jun (LWS, LAB); 16, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 15, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 12, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 12, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 11, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 9 (8♪♂), Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 29 Jun (SDB); 9, Sang, 10 Jun (HDB); 8, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 8 (7♪♂), Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 31 May-27 Jun (SDB); 8, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF).

Blue Jay

Breeding: Rckfd (ad feeding yg in nest), 19 Jul, but then 2 just fledged yg incapable of flight killed by chipmunk, 24 Jul (BCW); DYNL (ad on nest), 30 Apr (MM); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (2 family groups @ feeders), 1 Jul (REF). **MC**: 28, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun-3 Jul (SDB); 28, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 8 Jun (SDB); 19, RollinsSav, 17 Jun-9 Jul (SDB); 16, Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co), 27 May (SDB); 15, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 12, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 11, Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 31 May-27 Jun (SDB); 11, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 11, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 10, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 10, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 10, Sang, 13 Jul (HDB); 9, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 9, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 8, CONWR, 1, 4, 8&10 Jun (LWS).

American Crow

Breeding: Zion (Lake Co), 3 Apr (EWW); Chi (Lincoln Pk) (nest building, w/1st twigs being placed), 13 Mar (EWW). **MC**: 150, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 57, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 51, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 41, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 40, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 39, BurntPrairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 37, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 33, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 30, *Pope*, 26 Jun (KAM); 25, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 25, Sang, 10 Jul (HDB); 22, Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co), 27 May (SDB); 20, JP, 12 Jun (PRC); 20, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 20, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 20, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 19, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 16, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 15, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 29 Jun (SDB); 14, Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 13, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 13, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 10, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 9, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.). **Note**: "Still very uncommon in *so. DuPage*" (REF).

Horned Lark. North Aurora, Kane County. 14 June 2011. Photo by Ken Schneider.

Fish Crow

MC: 12, *Massac*, 26 Jun (KAM); 9, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 6, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 6, *Jackson*, 9 Jun (KAM); 6, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK). **Inland Records** (away from MississippiR): CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK); Old Shawneetown (OhioR, Gallatin Co) (2), 30 Jun (CLH).

Horned Lark

MC: 96, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 74, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 51, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 45, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 32, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 29, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 28, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 20, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 1 Jun (DMK).

Purple Martin

Breeding: Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (3 prs bringing food to PUMA nestbox), 10-16 Jul (DTW); Montrose (one nest in nestbox w/6 eggs, & no yg yet hatched in colony), 25 Jun (LGM); JP (71; incl breeding in PUMA houses, w/1st reported fledglings, 23 Jul), 27 Jul (PRC); Bloomington (White Oak Pk, McLean Co) (1st scout @ new nestbox, 7 Apr & 15 birds later in colony, w/1st egg laid 4 Jun & 6 nests w/18 eggs incl nest w/5 eggs and one new nest w/no eggs on 16 Jun) (MJW). **MC**: 200, MermetL, 4 Jul (DMK); 80, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 71, LSpfld, 30 Jul (HDB); 40, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 4 Jun & 15 Jul (DMK); 40, CarlL-C, 25 Jun & 14&19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 30, Levee Rd (Union Co), 5 Jul (DMK).

Tree Swallow

Breeding: Lake Villa (Lake Co) (♀ & 2♂ feeding 3 yg in same nestbox), 4 Jul (RB); JP (pr nesting in PUMA nestbox), 18 Jun (PAD fide PRC); RiverBend (30 yg fledged from 45 eggs in EABL nest boxes), season (CKA); LOW (88 fledged from 122 eggs in EABL nest boxes), season (CKA). **MC**: 400, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 160, LCal (O'Brien L&D), 10 Jul (WJM); 70, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM).
Note: "Weather was a problem (for those nesting in nestboxes) early in the season" (CKA).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Breeding: JP (15 incl entering cavities), 12 Jun (PRC); LOW (pr carrying nest materials to nest under covered bridge), 1 May (CKA). **MC**: 40, ESTL, 25 Jun (DMK); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 1 Jun & 13 Jul (DMK).

Bank Swallow

Breeding: Rckfd (~100 nest holes incl many recently fledged yg & ~25 ads bringing food to yg still in nest cavities), 2 Jul (DTW); LSpfld (Cinder Flats) (small nesting colony but w/only some yg fledged), Jun/Jul (HDB); NPM (2 nesting colonies w/175 birds), 29 May (DRD). **MC**: 6-700, *Wabash* (Amax prop), 15 Jul (CLH); 300 (nest holes @ longtime breeding site; w/22 birds banded), Dallas City (Henderson Co), 3 Jun (VMK); 250, Rckfd (Apt), 2 Jul (DTW); 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 175, sec above; 140, Fox River Shores FP (Kane Co), Jun/Jul (EES); 70, Sang, 2 Jun (HDB). **Others**: Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (8, colony nearby?), 1 Jun (SDB); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co) (9, colony nearby?), 15 Jun (MEF); Cass (27), 24 Jul (KAM).

Cliff Swallow

Breeding: Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (4+ w/nests under bridge over Richland Crk), 31 May (SDB); Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (40 @ nesting colony in bridge culvert), 29 Jun (DTW); Bonus Twp (Boone Co) (50 @ nesting colony under bridge), 6 Jul (DTW); Cary (McHenry Co) (colony nesting under Rawson bridge), 7 May (KML); Gurnee (Lake Co) (2 new nesting locations incl several prs bringing nest material to nests on Kohl's building & 4 birds collecting mud for nests above entrance to a Subway restaurant), 6 Jun (JSS); White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (10+ w/nests under very small bridge over crk), 1 Jul (SDB); Shabbona Twp (Dekalb Co) (small colony nesting under small bridge over crk), 29 May (DJS); Paw Paw Twp (Dekalb Co) (15 birds nesting under small bridge over tiny crk), 7-29 May (DJS); Northwestern University (So. Campus, Cook Co) (80+ nests under eaves of Regenstein Hall), 4 Jun (FRM);

Bradford Twp (Lee Co) (16 @ 7+ nests under tiny bridge), 2-30 Jun (SDB); Essex Twp (Kankakee Co) (25 birds w/nests under small bridge over Granary Crk), 28 Jun (SDB); Sang (nesting in several areas, esp @ Lindsay Bridge @ LSpfld), Jun (HDB); Buck Twp (Edgar Co) (4+ prs w/nests under very tiny concrete bridge/culvert), 24 Jun (SDB); LSara (Effingham Co) (40-50 nests on spillway), 12 May (CLH); New Athens Twp (St. Clair Co) (30+ ads w/nests under bridge over Silver Crk), 15 Jun (TJD); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (100+ nests under lg bridge over KaskaskiaR), 16 Jun (TJD); Gray Twp (White Co) (6+ birds going to nests under I-64 bridge over Little WabashR), 28 May (SDB); Grayville (White Co) (25 pr nesting under bridge over WabashR), 15 Jul (CLH); Gorham (Jackson Co) (20+ nestbuilding under highway bridge over active RR tracks), 30 Apr (SDB, PAM); Big MuddyR (Union/Jackson Cos) (25+ nestbuilding under bridge over river), 30 Apr (SDB, PAM); Cache (Alexander Co) (35+ gathering mud & flying to nest site under bridge, nest building), 8 May (SDB, PAM). **MC**: 800, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 400, CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK); 400, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 220 (ads), New Athens (St. Clair Co), 16 Jun (virtually all gone by 20 Jul & all gone by 28 Jul) (TJD); 200, LSpfld, 1 Jul (HDB); 200, ESTL, 15 Jul (DMK); 121, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 80, HLCA, 25 Jun (KAM); 70, *Schuyler*, 24 Jul (KAM); 66, Waynesville_, 23 Jun (VMK); 60, *Massac*, 26 Jun (KAM); 50, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 50, Pomona, 11 Jun (KAM); 50, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 43, *McDonough*, 24 Jul (KAM); 40, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 36, *Cass*, 24 Jul (KAM). **Others**: LSummerset_ (23), 12 Jun (DTW); Shirland (Winnebago Co) (18), 1 Jul (DTW); *Boone*, (40), 30 May (CAT, TLK); Sherrard_ (7), 22 Jun (BB); EvergreenL (Six-Mile Crk, McLean Co) (12, nesting under bridge there?), 5 Jun (LA et al.).

Barn Swallow feeding young. June 2011.
Photo by Jerry Goldner.

Carolina Chickadee.
Alma, Marion County. 3 June 2011.
Photo by Bob Schifo.

Barn Swallow

Breeding: RockCut (2 families w/ad feeding 4 yg & ad feeding 5 yg), 25 Aug (DTW); *Piatt* (pr collecting nest material on edge of rd), 7 May (CKA); MeadbrkPk (pr returned to last years nest, 20 Jun & were making repairs on 24 Jun, but nest check on 4 Jul showed nest abandonment w/ nest full of non-BARS nest material, possibly from takeover by HOSP (CKA); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (1st yg fledged from nesting colony in building), 5 Jun (TJD). **MC**: 600, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 13 & 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); 60, Danada FP (DuPage Co), 14 Jun (JC); 60, CarlL-C, 19 Jul (DMK); 50, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 48, Pontiac_, 24 Jun (VMK); 45, JP, 13 & 27 Jul (PRC); 42, Sang, 26 Jun & 24 Jul (HDB); 41, Fairbury_, 23 Jun (VMK); 40, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40, ESTL, 1 Jun (DMK); 38, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 35, Waynesville_, 28 Jun (VMK).

Carolina Chickadee

Breeding: O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (pr w/2 yg), 19 May (KAM). **MC**: 8, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 8, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 7, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 7, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM).

Black-capped Chickadee

Breeding: Wauk (pr nest building), 11 May (EWW); Edward R. Madigan SP (Logan Co) (fledgling leaving nest), 5 Jun (EWW). **MC**: 38, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 10, Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 27 Jun (SDB).
Note: Sang ("Low #s" for several reasons" w/MC 13&11, 21 Jul & 28 Jun resp) (HDB).

Tufted Titmouse

Breeding: Rckfd (family group of pr w/5 juv), 26 Jul (BCW). **MC**: 49, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 32, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 28, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 27, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 24, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 24, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 24, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 22, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 22, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 22, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 21, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 21, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 20, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 18, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 16, BurntPrairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 13, Sang, 15&28 Jun (HDB). **Others**: Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co), 30 May (CAT, TLK): Nachusa (2♂), 11 Jun (ABH); Campton FP (Kane Co), 4 Jun (ABH); SwallowCliff, 28 Jun (DFS); LCal (Eggers Wds), 3 Jun (SBB); Highland Twp (Grundy Co) (5, 4 territories), 8 Jun (SDB); Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); Pembroke (4), 25 Jun (RDH).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Breeding: Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), ♪♂, 12 Apr, pr @ nest tree, 1 May, adding nest material, 5 May, ♀ on nest, 27 May-8 Jun, & 13 Jun, ad bringing food to nest (EWW et al.). **Others**: Rckfd, 29 Jul (DTW). "Not sure if this is an early migrant or summering/nesting pr present at this location in late May" (DTW); McHenry L&D (McHenry Co), 5 Jun (BJS); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (backyard feeder), 15 Jun & 26 Jul, "possibly nesting nearby?" (REF); Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co), 12 Jul (SDB).

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 15, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 10, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 29 Jun (SDB); 9, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 9, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 8, Sang, 14 Jul (HDB); 7, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 6, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Brown Creeper

Breeding: Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (pr "probably nesting"), 17 May (DTW). **Others**: Jarvis, 4 Jun (LGM); SwallowCliff (♪♂), 28 Jun (DFS); Woodford SF&WA (Woodford Co), 2 Jul (TH); LtlBlkSl (♪♂).

Carolina Wren

Breeding: Mode (Shelby Co) (nests in garage & in yard planter), season (KAF). **MC**: 24, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 21, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 18, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 18, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 17, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 17, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 16, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 14, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 13, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 13, BurntPrairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 13, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 11, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Rckfd, 23 Jul (DTW); Montrose (2♪♂), 16 Jul (JE); KankakeePks (4), 7 Jul (JBH);
Note: Sang ("very low #s w/many killed off during winter") (high count only 4), 25 Jun & 6 Jul (HDB).

BEWICK'S WREN

None reported.

Sedge Wren

MC: 20, Fermi, 9 Jul (PK). **Others**: Harrison (Winnebago), 1 Jul (1st arriving breeder) (DTW); Nygren Wetland (Winnebago Co) (3), 26 Jul (DTW); Garden Prairie Sl (Boone Co) (2♪♂), 5 Jul (SDB); White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (2♪♂), 1 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); GreenR (4), 31 Jul (DTW); WaterfallGlen (1st arriving breeder), 13 Jul (REF); Nachusa (3-7), 27 May – 29 Jun (ABH); KankakeePks (3), 7-11 Jul (JBH); Sang (1st mid-summer arrival, 25 Jun, for breeding population) (HDB); LOW (1 on 29 Jul but 3 locations on 20 Aug) (CKA); Hunter Twp (Edgar Co) (2♪♂), 24 Jun (SDB); RendL (Nason) (♪♂), 30 Jul (TJD).

Marsh Wren

Breeding: RollinsSav (new "dummy" nest but pr very close & agitated), 18 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 39 (37♪♂), RollinsSav, 8-9 Jul (SDB); 10, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 19 Jun, w/some singing 7 Aug (EWW); 9♪♂, Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun-5 Jul (SDB); 8♪♂, HennepinL, 2 Jun

(SDB); 7, GLPSNA, 3 Jul (RDH); 6, GreenR, 18 Jun (DTW); 5♪♂, Garden Prairie Sl (Boone Co), 5 Jul (SDB). **Other**: John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (3), 4 Jun (RLS); McGinnis (4), 11 Jun (RLS); Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co), 4 Jun (JBH); Emiquon (♪♂), 1 Jul (KBR); Bath (Mason Co) (♪♂), 16 June (KBR).

House Wren

Breeding: Rckfd (4 prs w/nests, most fledging 2+ yg, incl brood on 31 Jul), May-Jul (DTW); MeadbrkPk (5 nestlings, 6 Jul but later all died) (CKA); RiverBend (6 eggs on 10 Aug, all fledged on 26 Aug) (CKA); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (nest w/5 eggs in EABL nest box), 19 Jun (TJD); West Frankfort (Franklin Co) (feeding 2nd brood), 5 Aug (LWS). **MC**: 40 (36♪♂), Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 29 Jun (SDB); 39, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 33, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 33, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 27, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 21, Sang, 25 Jun (HDB); 17♪♂, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 15, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 14, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 13, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK); 10, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Breeding: Rckfd (3 prs building nests), 18 May (DTW); Hawk's Bluff Pk (Batavia, Kane Co) (pr w/food @ nest w/1+ yg), 2 Jun (MM); Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co) (ad on nest), 23 May (MM); JP (nest, but abandoned) season (fide PRC); ClintonL (ad on nest), 20-27 May (MEF); MeadbrkPk (ad on nest), 31 May (GR); *Johnson* (pr feeding 3 nestlings), 8 Jun (MML). **MC**: 33, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 27, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 26, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 25, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 24, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 22, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 17, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 15, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 10, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Eastern Bluebird

Breeding: Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad bringing food to cavity nest), 20 Jun (MM); LOW (49 fledged from 77 eggs), season, w/1, 2, & 3 eggs in 3 nests by 15 Apr (CKA); RiverBend (13 fledged from 15 eggs), season (CKA); Lively Grove Twp (Washington Co) (ad. pair w/ 4 eggs in nest box on 10 Apr, fledged all 4 young on 16 May, then same pair w/2nd nesting had 5 new eggs in box on 29 May that also fledged yg, then 3rd nest in same box w/ 4 eggs on 24 Jul) (TJD). **MC**: 17, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 14, Sang, 16 Jun & 24 Jul (HDB); 13, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 10, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK). **Others**: Rckfd (2 ad, 3 imm), 26 Jul (BCW); *no. Ogle* (2 ad, 4 imm), 31 Jul (DTW); GreenR (2 ad, 3 imm), 18 Jun (DTW).
Note: "Not as many this year", Sang (HDB); 58% reduction in eggs laid & 51% reduction in # of birds fledged, from same nest boxes monitored in 2011 in *Champaign* compared to 2010" (CKA).

Veery

MC: 10♪♂, Cap Sauers, 14 Jun (EG). **Others**: RockCut, 16 Jun (DTW); LowdMil ("plentiful" # ♪♂s), 11 Jun (BJS, FRM); SwallowCliff (2), 28 Jun (DFS).

Wood Thrush

Breeding: Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (pr @ nest w/ad on nest), 28 May (MM). **MC**: 15, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 9, *Crawford*, 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); 9, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 8, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 7, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 5, Palos, 14 Jun (EG); 4, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 4, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 4, Sang, 22 Jul (HDB); 4, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, MurphysboroL (Jackson Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 4, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 4, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 4, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK). **Other**: nw. Rckfd (3♪♂), season (DTW).
Note: "Continues to decline", Sang (HDB).

American Robin

Breeding: Rckfd (pr w/3 chicks & ad w/3 fledglings just out of nest), 23 May & 30 Jul resp (DTW); Skokie Lagoons (Skokie, Cook Co) (nest w/ yg nearly to fledging), 13 Jul (RCw); Lowell Pk, Dixon (Lee Co) (nest), 30 Apr (EWW); Sheldon (Iroquois Co) (nest on ground in soybean field w/2 AMRO eggs), 24 Jun (WR); ClintonL (ad on nest), 17 Apr (MEF); *Piatt* (ad on nest), 30 Apr (CKA); Urbana (building nest on house gutter), 23 Apr (CKA); MeadbrkPk (2 nestlings), 28 Jun (CKA); Urbana (U of I Forestry) (building nest very high in tree), 2 May (CKA); LOW (finishing nest low in honeysuckle shrub along trail [but abandoned by 1 May]), 29 Apr (CKA); RiverBend (completing nest in prairie shrub [but abandoned by following week]), 25 May (CKA). **MC**: 254, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 150, Pontiac_, 24 Jun (VMK); 147, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 126, Fairbury_, 23 Jun (VMK); 124, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 118, Waynesville_, 28 Jun (VMK); 106, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 93, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 83, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 82, Stillwell_, 3 Jun (VMK); 81, JP, 27 Jul (PRC); 80, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 79, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK).

Gray Catbird

Breeding: JP (some brood success, w/fledglings first noted 6 Jul) (PRC); Bartel Grassland FP (Cook Co) (ad carrying food for yg), 26 Jun (WJM); RiverBend (carrying food), 27 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 51, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 35, Cap Sauers, 14 Jun (EG); 17, JP, 5 Jun (PRC); 13, KankakeePks, 4 Jul (JBH); 12, Sang, 26 Jun & 15 Jul (HDB); 9, Sherrard_, 22 Jun (BB); 9, BraidwoodL , 3 Jul (JBH); 9, Bonnie's Pra NP (Iroquois Co), 25 Jun (SDB); 8 (6♪♂), White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 7 Jul (SDB); 8 (4♪♂), Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun-3 Jul (SDB); 8, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 8, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 7, Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co), 30 May (CAT, TLK); 7♪♂, Maz/Braid (Kankakee Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 7, CarlL-C, 18 Jun (KAM); 6, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 6, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 6, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 6, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 5, Campton FP (Kane Co), 8&22 Jun (ABH).

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 19, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 16, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 15, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 15, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 12, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 11, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 9, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 7, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 6, BurntPrairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 6, Ware (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM). **Others**: Rckfd (Apt) (1-2), 26 Jun-24 Jul (TL, DTW); *No. Ogle*, 14-16 Jun (TL, DTW); **Chi** (DiverseyH, Lincoln Pk), 29 Jun-2 Jul (JlN); Alba Twp (Henry Co) (2♪♂), 29 Jun (SDB); Midewin (4), 6 Jun (GNe et al.); BraidwoodL (2), 3 Jul (JBH); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); Money Crk Twp (McLean Co), 7 Jun (MJW); Sang (3, several days), Jun & Jul (HDB); Allerton Pk_ (2), late Jun (EJC); St. Joseph (Champaign Co) (pr), 4 Jun (GSL).
Note: Midewin (sang flight song of Upland Sandpipers nesting in nearby field), 19 Jun (REF).

Brown Thrasher

Breeding: LOW (carrying food), 22 Jun (CKA); Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co) (5, family group), 22 Jun (SDB); *Union* (nest w/4 eggs), 9 May (MML). **MC**: 19, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 13, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 10, Sang, 16 Jun (HDB); 9, Stillwell_, 3 Jun (VMK); 9, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 8, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 7, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 6 (incl family of 4), BraidwoodL, 3 Jul (JBH); 6, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 6, Mineral Twp (Bureau Co), 30 Jun (SDB); BurntPrairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 6, BeaverdamL- 8 Jun (VMK). **Others**: White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (5 incl 3♪♂), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); Nachusa (3-5), 27 May – 29 Jun (ABH); St. Morgan_ (5), 5 Jun (KAM).

European Starling

Breeding: *Champaign* (ads entering 3 separate nests behind Marathon sign), 7 Apr (CKA); LOW (pr cop), 21 Apr (CKA); Urbana (carrying nest material to tree cavity), 14 May (CKA); MeadbrkPk (carrying nest materials to tree cavity), 17 Apr (CKA); MeadbrkPk (3 stub-tailed fledglings on ground), 29 May (CKA). **MC**: 2000, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 800 (all juvs @ roost), 28 Jun (HDB); 600, Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 242, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 237, Waynesville_, 28 Jun (VMK); 200, ESTL, 1 Jun (DMK); 186, JP, 27 Jul (PRC); 163, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 115, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 110, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB).

Cedar Waxwing

Breeding: IBSP (Sand Pond) (ad feeding yg @ nest), 19 Jun (JRS, BD); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) ("nested in neighbor's spruce trees"), season (REF); JP (one known successful nest), season (PRC); LOW (♂ fed ♀ in shrub, then ♀ gathered nest material & flew into trec), 9 Jun (CKA); RiverBend (ad on nest 29 Jun, then ♂ brought food to nest 10 Jul & but nest empty on 13 Jul) (CKA); Sang (nest), Jun (HDB); Staunton Res (Macoupin Co) (adding lining to nest), 5 Jun (EWW); CarlL-C (nest building), 29 May (DMK). **MC**: 48, RollinsSav, 17 Jun-8 Jul (SDB); 32, KankakeePks, 7 Jul (JBH); 30, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 24, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 23, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 23, Bradford Twp (Lee Co), 2 Jun (SDB); 20, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 19,

Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (SDB); 15 (cating 13-yr cicadas), 23 Jun (HDB); 13, Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 31 May-27 Jun (SDB); 13, JP, 29 Jun (PRC); 13, Sherrard_, 22 Jun (BB).

Ovenbird

Breeding: Del Abby (Grundy Co) (pr w/yg), 10 Jul (EWW). **MC**: 16, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 11, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 10, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 6♪♂, Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 31 May-27 Jun (SDB); 5, RockCut, 16 Jun (DTW).
Other: Zander Wds FP (Cook Co) (2♪♂), 24 Jun (WJM).

Worm-eating Warbler

MC: 11, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 10, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 10, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 10, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 9, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 4, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 22 Jun (LWS, AGS). **Others**: Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (saw ♪♂), 8 Jun (MEF); Banner (Fulton Co) (♪♂), 29 May-1+ Jul (KBR).

Louisiana Waterthrush

Breeding: MissPalis (pr carrying food for yg), 30 May (EG); *Johnson* (nest w/2 eggs), 15 Apr (MML). **MC**: 12, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 11, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 11, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 8, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 7, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 5, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF). **Others**: McClaughry Springs Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Jun (AAA et al.); DuPage River Confluence FP (Will Co) (♪♂), 6 Jun (SDB); SRSP, 8 Jun (TH); Clay City Twp (Clay Co) (♪♂), 26 May (SDB); Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co) (3), 9 Jun (KAM).

Northern Waterthrush

NBSO: JP, 27 Jul. Record early fall record for site (PRC).

Blue-winged Warbler

Breeding: John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (ad carrying food), 24 Jun (EG). **MC**: 3 (pr & ♪♂), John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 24 Jun (EG); 3 (on territory), Hickory Crk FP (Will Co), 30 May (AAA:ph); 3, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 2♪♂, Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 31 May-27 Jun (SDB); 2, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (RLS). **Hybrid**: "Brewster's" – HennepinL (♪♂ giving typical Blue-winged song), 2 Jun (SDB).

Black-and-white Warbler

Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 5 Jun (FRM); Spfld (Washington Pk) (♂), 1 & 25 Jul (HDB); Pomona (2), 9 & 25 Jun (KAM).

Prothonotary Warbler

Breeding: Raccoon Crk Res (Centralia, Marion Co) (pr nesting in small nest structure made of rope tacked to house; one dead yg found outside nest structure), 6 Jun (BR, NS:ph fide JJ). **MC**: 23, RendL (Franklin Co), 25 Jun (LWS); 22, Heron Pond & LtlBlkSl (Johnson Co), 16 Jun (EG); 11, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 10, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 9, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR). **Others**: Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co), 5 Jun (DTW); *e. Stephenson*, 11 Jun (DTW); McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (♪♂), 5 Jun-8 Jul (BJS); WaterfallGlen (♪♂), season (REF); Black Partridge FP (Des PlainesR, Cook Co) (♪♂), 5 Jul (SDB); **Montrose**, 16 Jul (KKM) & ("tail feathers & some head feathers missing"), 25 Jul (SBB); MomenceWet, 9 Jul (RDH); Woodford SF&WA (Woodford Co) (4), 2 Jul (TH); Sang (secn on 6 days in Jul, w/3 there 14 Jul) (HDB).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER

CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); Thebes (Alexander Co) (pr on territory), 1 May-17 Jun (SDB, PAM, KAM:ph, EG et al.).

Tennessee Warbler

NBSO: Evanston (Cook Co) (♪♂ in yard), 24 Jun (MMC).

Mourning Warbler

Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (♪♂ on territory), 14 Jun thru mid-Jul (ATB); Oriole Grove FP (Lake Co) (♪♂), 14 Jun (GH).

Kentucky Warbler

Breeding: LowdMil (ad carrying food for yg), 2 Jun (JBn ph); *Union* (new nest w/1 egg), 9 May (MML); *Johnson* (new nest w/1 egg), 7 May & (later fledged 5 yg), 3 Jun (MML). **MC**: 40, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1,4,8&10 Jun (LWS); 17, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 16, Heron Pond & LtlBlkSl (Johnson Co), 16 Jun (EG); 14, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 13, RockCrk, 9 Jun (RSR); 12, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 11, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 10, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 7♪♂, LowdMil, 30 May (EG); 7, *Hamilton*, 5 Jul (LWS, AGS). **Others**: Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW); MissPalis (4), 30 May (EG); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (3, pr &♂), 8 Jun (MEF:ph); Sang (mostly @ Carpenter Pk, Spfld) (3), 28 Jun (HDB); *Calhoun* (4), 16 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Common Yellowthroat

Breeding: LOW (♀ carrying caterpillar 8 Jul) (CKA); MeadbrkPk (2 ♀s carrying food on 20 Jun & ♂ carrying caterpillar to 3rd location 27 Jun & ♀ carrying food to 4rth location 28 Jun) (CKA). **MC**: 75, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 49 (44♪♂), RollinsSav, 17 Jun-8 Jul (SDB); 39, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 30, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 28♪♂, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 27, *Williamson*, 30 Jun (LWS); 25, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 20 (18♪♂), Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun-5 Jul (SDB); 19, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 18, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 16 ♪♂, Orangeville (Stephenson Co), 1 Jun (SDB); 16♪♂, Milford_,25 Jun (SDB); 15♪♂, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB). **Other**: JP (6♂, ♀), 12 Jun, w/2 territories incl highly agitated ♂, 20 Jul (PRC).

Hooded Warbler

MC: 7, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 7, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 5, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 4, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR). **Others**: Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co) (♪♂), 3 Jun (BJS); MissPalis (2), 30 May (EG); GreeneVal (♪♂), 16 Jun (MAM); WaterfallGlen (♪♂), 29 Jun (REF); SwallowCliff (3♪♂), 4&14 Jun (RLS & EG resp); Cap Sauers (2), 14 Jun (EG).

American Redstart

MC: 37, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 32, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 10, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 10, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 10, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 6 (♂), COLSP, 11 Jun (EWW); 6, I&M Canal (Utica, LaSalle Co), 18 Jun (DJS); 6, Pomona, 11 Jun (KAM); 5, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 5, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR). **Others**: McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (3), 8 Jul (BJS); MacArthur Wds FP (Lake Co) (♪♂), 11 Jun (SDB, SLD); IBSP (Sand Pond) (1st yr ♂), 19 Jun (JRS, BD); MissPalis (4), 30 May (EG); Fox River Shores FP (Kane Co) (5 prs), Jun/Jul (EES); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (2), 18 Jun (DJS); SaganashkeeSl (Cook Co) (3), 11 Jun (RLS); JP (2, thru 15 Jun, w/one 1st-spring ♂ into Jul) (PRC); LCal (Eggers Grove FP), 14 Jun (WJM); MomenceWet (Kankakee Co), 9 Jul (RDH); *Tazewell/Woodford* (along MackinawR) (4), 2 Jul (MJW, LA); SangamonR, Sang (2 imm), 13 Jul (HDB); Mt. Erie Twp (along Little WabashR, Wayne Co) (3♪♂), 10 Jun (CLH); *Alexander* (4), 25 Jun (KAM).

Cerulean Warbler

MC: 10, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 9, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 5, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 4, Old Shawneetown (Gallatin Co) (CLH); 4, Pomona, 25 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Ryerson (♪♂), 19 Jun (JSS); MissPalis (2), 30 May (EG); Miller-Anderson Wds NP (Bureau Co) (♪♂), 19 Jun (TH); Banner (Fulton Co) (♪♂), 26 Apr-12+ Jun (KBR); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (2), 8 Jun (MEF); *Calhoun* (3), 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); Ramsey Lake SP (Fayette Co), 24 Jul (DJM); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (2♪♂), 3 Jun (CLH); Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co) (2♪♂), 10 Jun (JWL, JS).

Northern Parula

MC: 21, Heron Pond & LtlBlkSl (Johnson Co), 16 Jun (EG); 18, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 18, Cave Crk, 30-31 May (RSR); 18, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 17, CedarCrk, 21 May (RSR); 14, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 12, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 11, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 6, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK). **Edge of range**: MissPalis, 30 May (EG); Sannauk FP (Dekalb Co) (♪♂), 6 May-26 Jun (DJS); Red Oak NC (North Aurora, Kane Co) (♪♂), 17 Jun (DJS); HennepinL (5♪♂), 3 Jul (DFS); KankakeeR SP, 3 Jul (RDH); MomenceWet, 9 Jul (RDH); I&M Canal (Utica, LaSalle Co) (3♪♂), 18 Jun (DJS); Sandy Ford NP (LaSalle Co) (2♪♂), 29 Jun (SDB); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (3), 8 Jun (MEF); *Tazewell* (2+), 2 Jul (MJW, LA). **Others**: JP (♪♂), 8 Jun (PRC); Echo Bluff M (Bureau Co) (♂), 26 Jun (EWW); Sang (3; "low #s"), 28 Jun, but noted on 5 days in Jul there (HDB); RamseyL (Fayette Co) (3), 6 Jul (DJS); Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (5), 9 Jun (KAM).

Yellow Warbler

Breeding: John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (yg), 24 Jun (EG); JP (3 begging fledglings), 13 Jul (PRC); HennepinL (pr w/fledglings), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV). **MC**: 16, JP, 26&29 Jun (PRC); 15, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 15♪♂, Hennepin Twp (Putnam Co), 2 Jun (SDB); 11♪♂, RollinsSav, 18 Jun (SDB); 10♪♂, Bonnie's Pra NP (Iroquois Co), 25 Jun (SDB); 8♪♂, Orangeville (Stephenson Co), 1 Jun (SDB); 8♪♂, Black Par-

tridge FP (Cook Co),19 Jun (SDB); 8, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 8, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6♪♂, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 5, Sang, 4 Jun (HDB).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

MC: 4, Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW). **Others**: MidSav (♪♂), 6-9 Jun (AR); GreeneVal (♪♂), 28 Jun (MAM); Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co) (♪♂), 3 Jul (SDB); SwallowCliff, 14 & 28 Jun (EG & DFS resp); Cap Sauers, 14 Jun (EG).

Pine Warbler

MC: 22, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1,4, 8&10 Jun (LWS); 9, *Hamilton*, 4 Jul (LWS). **Others**: Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co), 10 Jul (but present since mid-Jun) (DTW); McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (2♪♂), 5-12 Jun (BJS, MT, SDB), w/2♪♂s there, 8 Jul (BJS); Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co) (2♪♂), 30-31 May (SDB, SLD); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (♪♂), 12 Apr – 13 Jul (EWW, BJS); MissPalis, 30 May (EG); LowdMil, 11 Jun (BJS, FRM); WaterfallGlen (♪♂), 5 Jul (SDB); Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (3♪♂), 1&3 Jun (KBR); Red Hill SP (Lawrence Co), 23 Jun (CLH); ChristopherL (Franklin Co) (3), 30 May (LWS); Pomona (3), 25 Jun (KAM); MurphysboroL (Jackson Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM).

Yellow-throated Warbler

MC: 48, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1,4, 8&10 Jun (LWS); 15, Orient Bums (Franklin Co), 17 Jun (LWS); 12, ChristopherRes (Franklin Co), 30 May (LWS); 11, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 10, ZeiglerL (Franklin Co), 25 May (LWS); 9, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 6, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co), 5 Jun (DTW); McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (pr), 5 Jun-8 Jul (BJS, SDB, SLD et al.); MissPalis, 30 May (EG); KankakeeR SP (2), 3 Jul (RDH); MomenceWet, 9 Jul (RDH); SRSP, 8 Jun (TH); Sandy Ford NP (LaSalle Co) (♪♂), 29 Jun (SDB); Banner (Fulton Co) (♪♂), 26 Apr-12 Jul (KBR); Sang (4♂), 6-17 Jun (HDB); HomerL FP (old Homer Pk area, Champaign Co) (♪♂), mid-Jul (EJC); Hunter Twp (Edgar Co) (2♪♂), 24 Jun (SDB); *Calhoun* (4), 16 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Prairie Warbler

MC: 10, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 6 (5♪♂, ♀), Florid (Putnam Co), 2 Jun (SDB); 4, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR). **Others**: **WaterfallGlen** (♪♂), 18-25 Jun (CS, AA, DY:ph et al.); **NoP** (♪♂), 1 Jun (GAW m.ob.); **Maz/Braid** (Kankakee Co) (♪♂), 28 Jun (SDB); **Lenzburg (St. Clair Co)** (♪♂ in proper breeding habitat), 2 Jul (TJD).

Black-throated Green Warbler

SwallowCliff (♪♂), 28 Jun (DFS).

Yellow-breasted Chat

MC: 14, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 12, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 12, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 12, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 10, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 9, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 9, Frankfort Twp (Franklin Co), 11 Jul (LWS); 6, Sang, 10 Jun (HDB); 6, CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK). **Others**: RockCut (2), 2 Jul (DTW); IBSP (2♂), 12-24 Jun (EWW); MidSav, 25 Jun (AR); Elkhorn Pr (Ogle Co), 12-18 Jun (ASt); Nachusa (♂), 5 Jun (ABH); GreenR (3), 18 Jun (DTW); Springbrk, 19 Jun (AA); Fermi (♪♂), 2 Jun-7 Jul (PK); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (3♪♂), 4 Jun (RLS); GLPSNA, 3 Jul (RDH); Hickory Crk FP (Will Co) (2 on territory), 30 May (AAA:ph); Rivoli Twp (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); Florid (Putnam Co) (2♪♂), 2 Jun (SDB); BraidwoodL (3), 3 Jul (JBH); Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (pr), 9 Jul (BM); Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co), 1 Jun (MJW); Bonnie's Pra NP (Iroquois Co) (♪♂), 25 Jun (SDB); LOW (2♪♂), 13 May-7 Jul (CKA); RiverBend (♪♂s @ 3 locations), 10 May- thru period (CKA); Kell_ (4), 29 May (SDB).

Prairie Warbler.
Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, Cook County. 25 June 2011.
Photo by Dick Yamaski.

Vesper Sparrow. North Aurora, Kane County. 14 June 2011.
Photo by Ken Schneider.

Eastern Towhee

Breeding: Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding fledged yg), 20 Jun (MM). **MC**: 38, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 12, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 10, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 7, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 7, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK).

Chipping Sparrow

Breeding: Rckfd (ad carrying food), 4 Jun (DTW); *Piatt* (finishing nest cup in conifer in yard), 7 May (CKA). **MC**: 49, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 28, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 22, Sang, 26 Jun (HDB); 21, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 20, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 18, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 17, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 14, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 14, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 13, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 13, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 12, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 10, Stillwell_, 3 Jun (VMK).

Clay-colored Sparrow

Breeding: Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (ad carrying caterpillar to nest site), 5 Jun (BJS). **Others**: Lakewood FP (2), 5 Jun (BJS); Leroy Oakes FP (Kane Co) (3), 26 Jun (CM); Campton FP (Kane Co) (♪♂), 15 May-19 Jun (ABH); GreeneVal (♪♂), 3&21 Jun (MAM); Pratt'sWW (♪♂), 4 Jun (MBl); Springbrk (pr), 19 Jun (AA); (pr), 19 Jun (AA); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (♪♂), 5-11 Jun (FRM, RLS), & 2nd (?) ♂ @ different location, 19 Jun (AAA).

Field Sparrow

Breeding: Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (7 prs carrying food for yg), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (ad carrying food), 24 Jun (EG); LOW (pr together w/one carrying nest material), 29 Apr (CKA); RiverBend (carrying food to same location), 6&8 Jul & (carrying nest material), 6 Jul & (2 juvs on ground, different location), 13 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 69, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 36, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 30, Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW); 27, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 19, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 18, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 18, Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 15 Jun (MEF); 13, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 12, Sang, 13 Jun (HDB); 11, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.). **Others**: Maz/Braid (Kankakee Co) (7♪♂), 28 Jun (SDB); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co) (8♪♂), 25 Jun (SDB).

Vesper Sparrow

MC: 50♪♂, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 34, Troy Grove_, 18 Jun (JAS); 15♪♂, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 11, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH). **Other**: Sherburnville_ (5), 5 Jun (JBH). **Southern edge of range**: Martinsville Twp (Clark Co) (♪♂), 24 Jun (SDB); Rose Hill (Jasper Co), 24 Jun (CLH); *Crawford* (3), 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); Olney_ (2♪♂), 10 Jun (CLH); Flora_, 9 Jun (CLH).
Note: Sang ("fewer this Jun") (HDB).

Savannah Sparrow nest with 3 host eggs and one cowbird egg.
St. Michael's Reservoir, Cook County. 3 July 2011.
Photo by Craig Stettner.

Lark Sparrow

Breeding: Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (3 prs carrying food for yg), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW); *no. Ogle* (pr carrying food for yg), 15 Jun (DTW); *no. Ogle* (2 juvs in begging display), 31 Jul (DTW). **MC**: 12, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 7, Nachusa (Stone Barn Rd), Jun (ABH); 6, Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW). **Others**: LostMound (4), 24 Jun (EA et al.); Seward Twp (Winnebago Co), 2 Jul (DTW); The Hollows CA (McHenry Co), 5 Jun (BJS); Fitchie Crk FP (Kane Co), 25 Jun (CM); Spring Creek FP (Cook Co) (juv), 17 Jun (REF); Riverview Farmstead FP (Will Co) (♪♂), 12 Jun (JLS); Rivoli Twp (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); Mackinaw Twp (Tazewell Co) (♪♂), 8 Jun (MEF:ph); Decker Twp (Richland Co), 5 Jun (CLH); Bonpas Twp (Richland Co), 5 Jul (CLH); Maeystown (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (DMK); Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); Barren Twp (Franklin Co) (2), 24 Jul (DJM); **Cypress Crk NWR (Johnson Co)** (♪♂), 8-14 Jun (MML); ***Pope*** (2), 12 Jun (KAM);

Note: Sang ("found in more areas"), Jun (HDB).

Savannah Sparrow

Breeding: Fermi (several carrying food to yg), 7 Jul (PK); St. Michael Reservoir (Palatine Twp, Cook Co) (♀ on nest w/3 host, 1 BHCO eggs), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD). **MC**: 18, Danada FP (DuPage Co), 14 Jun (JC); 16, MlrMdws, 4 Jul (EG); 15♪♂, St. Michael Reservoir (Palatine Twp, Cook Co), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); 8♪♂, RollinsSav, 18 Jun (SDB); 8♪♂, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 8 (incl agitated ad & 4♪♂), Bartel Grassland FP (Cook Co), 26 Jun (WJM); 6♪♂, Paris Twp (Edgar Co), 24 Jun (SDB). **Southern edge of range**: Rochester Twp, Sang, 3 Jun (HDB); PrRdg-M (2 incl a stubby-tailed juv), 7 Jun (CLH). This species not confirmed during the Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas in this county. Rare as a breeder this far south.

Grasshopper Sparrow

Breeding: Sauer Family Prairie Kane FP (Kane Co) ("many birds still on nests w/eggs"), 1 Aug (PAM). **MC**: 62, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 12, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 9♪♂, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 8, RollinsSav, 4&18 Jun (BJS & SDB resp); 7, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 7, *Crawford*, 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); 6, 18 Btms (Franklin Co), 20 Jun (LWS); 6, CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK); 5, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 5, Palos (BergmanSl), 11 Jun (RLS); 5, Annawan (Henry Co), 26 Jun (EWW); 5, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 5, Ondeck's Big Sky Pra (McLean Co), 12 Jun (MJW); 5, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Rckfd (Apt) (3), 2 Jul (DTW); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) ("numerous"), 5 Jun (FRM); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (4), 4 Jun (RLS); Kell_ (4♪♂), 29 May (SDB). Many reports of 1-3 birds throughout Illinois.

Henslow's Sparrow

MC: 50, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 38, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 20♪♂, Nachusa, 3 Jun (ABH); 11, Palos (Bergman Sl field), 19 Jun (RLS); 8, CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK); 7, GLPSNA, 3 Jul (RDH); 6, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 5, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS). **Others**: LostMound (3), 24 Jun (EA et al.); Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (3♪♂), 5 Jun (DTW, BCW); RockCut (2♪♂), 2 Jul (DTW); IBSP (No. Unit) (4), 12 Jun (EG); RollinsSav (4♪♂), 9 Jul (SDB); Mettawa (Lake Co), 11 Jun (SDB, SLD et al.); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (4-6♪♂), 7 Jun (ATB); DYNL (4♪♂), 7 Jul (KS); Springbrk ("several"), 19 Jun (AA); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jun (MBl); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (3♪♂), 9 Jul (ABA); St. Michael Res (Palatine Twp, Cook Co) (4♪♂), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); Bartel Grassland FP (Cook Co) (2♪♂), 26 Jun (WJM); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) ("numerous"), 5 Jun (FRM); Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (many), 3 Jul (JE); KankakeePks (2♪♂), 7 Jul (JBH); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 1 Jun (MEF); Comlara CP (McLean Co) (♪♂), 5 Jun (LA et al.); Ondeck's Big Sky Pra (McLean Co) (4♪♂), 12 Jun (MJW); Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (♪♂), 16 Jul (KBR); Rochester Twp, Sang (♂), 25 Jun (HDB); Sangchris SP (Sangamon Co) (♂ @ headquarters), 31 Jul (HDB).

Song Sparrow

Breeding: LCal (O'Brien L&D) (ad carrying food for yg), 26 Jun (WJM); MeadbrkPk (carrying food), 29 May & (carrying food, chased away COYE & made contact calls all at same time), 20 Jun & (carrying food

Henslow's Sparrow. Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Will County. 15 August 2011. Photo by Don Blecha.

Henslow's Sparrow. Evergreen Lake, McLean County. 16 June 2011. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Grasshopper Sparrow. Nelson Lake Marsh Forest Preserve, Kane County. 10 June 2011. Photo by Ken Schneider.

Grasshopper Sparrow. Thomson, Carroll County. 6 June 2011. Photo by John Longhenry.

Blue Grosbeak. Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Will County. 21 July 2011. Photo by Don Blecha.

@ different locale), 18 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 52, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 52, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 46, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 44 (42♪♂), RollinsSav, 17-18 Jun (SDB); 40, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 35, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 33, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 32 (30♪♂), White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 32, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 28, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 26, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 24 (23♪♂), Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 5 Jul (SDB); 22, BurntPrairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 21, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 21, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 20, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (DMK). **Other**: JP (7 incl 5♪♂), 17 Jul, w/~ 8 territories & 1st fledgling noted 15 Jun (PRC).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 39 (38♪♂), RollinsSav, 17 Jun-9 Jul (SDB); 22 (21♪♂), White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 7 Jul (SDB); 11♪♂, Garden Pra Sl (Boone Co), 5 Jul (SDB); 8♪♂, GreenR, 18 Jun (DTW); 5♪♂, Orangeville (Stephenson Co), 1 Jun (SDB); 5, Redwing Sl SNA (Lake Co), 26 Jun – 7 Aug (EWW). **Other**: Nygren Wetland (Winnebago Co) (3♪♂), 26 Jul (DTW).

Dark-eyed Junco

NBSO: Waterfall Glenn FP (DuPage Co) (bird caught in mist-net & banded), 24 Jun (*GG, BK); Jarvis (♪ loudly), 15 Jul (KH).

Summer Tanager

MC: 37, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1,4, 8&10 Jun (LWS, AGS); 12, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 6, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR); 6, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 5, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 5, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 5, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (pr), 18 Jun (SW:ph, et al.); Danada FP (DuPage Co), 2 Jul (JMS et al.); Chi (Grant Pk) (imm ♂), 14 Jun (JE); Palos (BergmanSl) (pr), 11 Jun (RLS); SwallowCliff (♀), 4 Jun (RLS); Palos Pk Wds FP (Cook Co), 11 Jun (RLS); Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co) (♪♂), 14 Jun (SDB); Salt Crk Wds FP (Cook Co) (♪♂), 5 Jun (DFS); **Chi (Grant Pk)** (1st yr ♂), 14 Jun (JE); Pembroke (2), 25 Jun (RDH); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co) (2), 1 Jun (MEF); Banner (Fulton Co) (♪♂), early May-early Jul (KBR); Sang (4), 17 Jun (HDB); Hunter Twp (Edgar Co) (pr), 24 Jun (SDB); *Calhoun* (4), 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); So. Otter Twp (Macoupin Co) (♂), 21 Jun (SDB); Kell_, 29 May (SDB); HL, 12 Jun (FRH).

Scarlet Tanager

Breeding: LowdMil (ad male feeding fledgling), 2 Jun (JBn ph). **MC**: 10, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 9, BeanRdg, 28 May (RSR); 6, Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun-3 Jul (SDB); 6, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 5, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 5, SoRipHlw, 27 May (RSR). **Other**: Sang (seen on 9 days in Jul, but MC only 2) (HDB).

Northern Cardinal

Breeding: JP (1st fledglings noted 16 Jul) (PAD et al.); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (pr bringing food to yg in nest), 30 May (MM); Highland Twp (Grundy Co) (♀ on nest w/3 NOCA, 2 BHCO eggs), 8 Jun (SDB); Dallas City (Hancock Co) (cop), 15 May (EWW); LOW (♀ carrying nest material followed by ♂), 17 Mar & (♀ carrying fine nest material to [different] nest in grape vine tangle covering small tree, w/♂ following once w/berry]), 10 Jun (CKA); MeadbrkPk (pr nest building), 12 Apr (JOS). **MC**: 44, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 44, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 35, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 32, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 31, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 31, BurntPrairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 31, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 30, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 29, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 27, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 25, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 23, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 22, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 21, Sang, 15 Jun (HDB); 20, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK). **Other**: Union_ (14), 12 Jun (SDB).

Indigo Bunting. Alma, Marion County. 3 June 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Breeding: HennepinL (ad w/fledgling), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV). **MC**: 8, Sang, 13&16 Jun (HDB); 6♪♂, *Putnam*, 2 Jun (SDB); 5, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 5 (♪♂), Mineral Twp (Bureau Co), 7-30 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Mettawa (Lake Co) (3♂, ♀), 11 Jun (SDB, SLD et al.); White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (3♪♂), 7 Jul (SDB); Black Partridge FP (Cook Co) (3♪♂),19 Jun (SDB); JP (♀), 12 Jun (PRC); CampPoint_ (4), 4 Jun (VMK); Sang (seen on 15 days in Jul, but MC only 3, 13 Jul) (HDB).

Southern edge of range: Martinsville Twp (Clark Co) (♪♂), 24 Jun (SDB); *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); Jamestown_ (2), 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); Centralia (Marion Co) (♂ @ feeder), 14 Jun (JJ); Stevenson Twp (Marion Co) (♪♂), 29 May (SDB); Flora_, 9 Jun (CLH); CarlL-C, 3 – 25 Jun, w/2 there, 12 Jun (DMK); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (calling ad), 2 Jul (TJD); Peabody River King SF&WA (St. Clair Co) (calling), 23 Jul (TJD); Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co) (♪♂), 23 Jun (SDB); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); MississippiR levee (**Union Co**) (pr near nest & ♀ carrying fecal sacs), 9 Jul (LWS, DDM).

Blue Grosbeak

Breeding: Sang (nest w/3 BLGR eggs, & BHCO egg), Jun (HDB). **MC**: 16, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 12, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 12, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 9, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 6, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 5, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK). **Others**: LostMound, 24 Jun (fide EA); GreenR (♀), 19 Jul (DH), Danada FP (DuPage Co) (♪1st yr ♂), 7-21 Jun (MBc, LP, JC et al.); Spring Creek FP (Cook Co) (♪♂), 17 Jun (REF); Midewin, 6 & 22 Jun (GNe et al. & BJS resp); Mather Wds FP (Will Co), 19 Jun (JVs); BraidwoodL (♪♂), 3 Jul (JBH); Pembroke (3), 25 Jun (RDH); Florid (Putnam Co) (2♪♂, one 1st yr), 2 Jun (SDB); Minonk (Woodford Co) (♪♂), 25 Jun (TH); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (♪♂), 3 Jul (EM); Mohr NP (McLean Co) (pr), 7 Jun (MJW); Martinsville_ (2), 24 Jun (SDB); PrRdg-M (2), 15 Jun (JWW et al.); Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 7 Jun-19 Jul (TH); Sang (4), 16&24 Jun & found on 15 days in Jul (HDB); HL, 31 Jul (FRH); RiverBend (♪♂ thru season, w/♀ noted w/♂ on 10 Aug) (CKA); LOW (2 pr thru season w/possible 3rd pair incl ♀ carrying food on 20 Aug) (CKA); *Calhoun* (4), 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); So. Otter Twp (Macoupin Co) (♂), 24 May-21 Jun (SDB); *Crawford* (4), 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); Flag Pond SNA (Clay Co) (2♂), 26 May (SDB); Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co) (4, 3♪♂ incl a 1st yr ♂), 22 Jun (SDB); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (4), 1 Jun & 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); Joppa (Massac Co) (3 locations), 30 Jul (EWW).

Note: Sang ("#s continue to increase, recorded birds on 21 days in June & 15 days in Jul") (HDB).

Indigo Bunting

Breeding: RiverBend (♀ carrying food), 13 Jul (CKA); Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co) (♀ on nest), 27 May (SDB); *Union* (new nest w/2 eggs), 3 Jul & (later fledged 3 yg), 15 Aug (MML). **MC**: 105, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 90, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 80, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 80, Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 76, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 64, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 55, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 45, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 43, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 40, CarlL-C, 12 & 25 Jun (DMK); 37, Burnt Prairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 37, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 36, *Crawford*, 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); 36, Pulaski_, 10 Jun (VMK); 36, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 29, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 29, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 28, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 25&24, Sang, 26 Jun & 13 Jul resp (HDB); 25 (24♪♂), Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co), 22-23

Dickcissel. Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Will County. 4 July 2011. Photo by Don Blecha.

Jun (SDB); 25, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 24, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK); 21, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF). **Others**: *Boone* (19), 30 May (CAT, TLK); Rollins (17, 16♪♂), 17 Jun-9 Jul (SDB); **Chi (Grant Pk)** (♂), 14 Jun (JE). Likely migrant.; JP (9♪♂), 29 Jun but #s diminishing in Jul. No known nests (PRC).

PAINTED BUNTING

Breeding: ESTL ("new" location near MississippiR) (ad carrying food for yg @ different location (from DMK, KAM location) than below; ESTL (ad & subad ♪♂s seen & heard), 16 Jul (PAM:ph); **Others**: ESTL ("new" location near MississippiR) (basic, HY ♂), 16 & 20 Jun & (subad ♂), 6 & 17 Jul (DMK:ph & KAM resp); ESTL (♪♂ @ different location than above PAM record), 16 Jul (PAM); ESTL (2♪♂s @ "old"/original breeding location), 16 Jul (PAM). Singing ♂s present @ 3-4 different locations in a several square mile MississippiR riverfront area.

Dickcissel

Breeding: Rckfd (Apt) (♀ carrying food for yg), 29 Jun (DTW); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (agitated ♀ carrying food for yg), 27 Jul (WJM); Ondeck's Big Sky Pra (McLean Co) (♀ building mostly completed nest), 12 Jun (MJW); LOW (♀ carrying nest materials), 17 Jun (CKA); RiverBend (♀ carrying food), 27 Jul & (fledgling in different area on 3 Aug, w/♀ still carrying food there on 10 Aug) (CKA). **MC**: 300, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 168, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 100, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 93, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 90, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 88, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 87, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 79, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 60, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 72 (59♂, 13♀), MlrMdws, 4 Jul (EG); 60, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 60, CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK); 60, Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 53, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 52, MlrMdws, 12 Jun (EG); 46, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40♪♂, Mineral & Neponset Twps (Bureau Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 40♪♂, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 39, Fairbury_, 23 Jun (VMK); 37, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 34, Sang, 16 Jun (HDB); 30, Waynesville_, 28 Jun (VMK); 24, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 23, Sherrard_, 22 Jun (BB); 21, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 21, Stillwell_, 3 Jun (VMK); 21, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 20, ESTL, 15 Jul (DMK); 20, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Rckfd (Apt) (13), 29 Jun (DTW); Garden Prairie Sl (Boone Co) (4♪♂), 5 Jul (SDB); Union_ (12), 12 Jun (SDB); Harmony (McHenry Co) (10♂), 13 (RAM, ALM); WaukB (4♪♂), 28-29 Jul (AS); DYNL ("lots"), 30 Jun (DJS); St. Michael Reservoir (Palatine Twp, Cook Co) (6♪♂), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); Palos (BergmanSl) (14), 11 Jun (RLS); Nachusa (5♪♂), Jun (ABH); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (10♪♂), 10 Jul (WJM); Bartel Grassland FP (Cook Co) (8, 7♪♂), 26 Jun (WJM); Sherburnville_ (17), 5 Jun (JBH).
Note: Sang ("more than usual"), Jun (HDB).

Bobolink

Breeding: RollinsSav (♀ w/2 juvs), 9 Jul (SDB); St. Michael Reservoir (Palatine Twp, Cook Co) (♀ carrying food), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); MlrMdws (4 incl 1 carrying food), 4 Jul (EG). **MC**: 34, RollinsSav, 4 Jun (DRD); 32, St. Michael Res (Palatine Twp, Cook Co), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); 23, Nachusa, 27 May (ABH); 21, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 20, MidSav, 9 Jun (AR); 18 (13♂), White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB). **Others**: *No. Ogle* (5), 15 Jun (DTW); Campton FP (Kane Co) (8♂ & 4♀), 8&22 Jun (ABH); DYNL (12, incl 8♂ & 2 pr), 7 Jul (KS); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (5), 14 Jun (JC); Palos (BergmanSl field) (8, 7♂), 11 Jun (RLS); Rivoli Twp (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); Neponset Twp (Bureau Co) (3♪♂), 6 Jun (SDB); HennepinL (5), 3 Jul (DFS); KankakeePks (pr), 8 Jul (JBH); Pleasant Plains, Sang (3♂; "last spot in county"), 26 Jun (HDB); PrRdg-J (2♂), 13 Jul (but 2 seen on earlier date, same location) & 2 Jun (RES, CLH, SSn & CLH resp).

Red-winged Blackbird

Breeding: RollinsSav (new but empty nest), 18 Jun (SDB); *Piatt* (carrying nest materials), 7 May (CKA); Champaign (Border's parking lot) (♂ feeding fledgling), 22 Jun (CKA); MeadbrkPk (carried food into grass), 6 Jun & (♀ dropped fecal sac in 2nd area), 12 Jun (CKA); MeadbrkPk (3♀ feeding yg in adjacent territories), 19 Jun & (♀ carrying lg caterpillar), 25 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 2000, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 657, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 325, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 305, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 300, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 268, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 254, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 235, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 214, Fairbury_, 23 Jun (VMK); 200, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 196, Stillwell_, 3 Jun (VMK); 164, Waynesville_, 28 Jun (VMK); 163, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 152, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 152, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 148, Pontiac_, 24 Jun (VMK); 146, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 120, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 118, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 170, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 63, Kell_, 29 May (SDB); 58, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 35, Columbia_, 4 Jun (KAM); 30, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 27, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 24, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 24, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 22, Sang, 26 Jun (HDB); 20, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 20, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 17, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 16, MlrMdws, 12 Jun (EG); 16, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 16, Burnt Prairie_, 7 Jun (VMK); 16, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 35, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 14, Troy Grove_, 18 Jun (JAS); 5, *Dekalb* (Birch Rd sod farm), 29 Jul (KML). **Others**: *McHenry* (Dunham Rd sod farm) (3), 29 Jul (KML); Alto Twp (Lee Co) (2♪♂), 1 Jun (SDB); Hampshire (Kane Co) (♪♂), 5 Jun (LLH); Annawan (Henry Co) (2 locations), 26 Jun (EWW); North Henderson Twp (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); w. of Spfld, 26 Jun (HDB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Breeding: RollinsSav (18 incl 6 ad ♂, 2 ad ♀ & 11 juv), 18 Jun & 9 Jul (SDB); HennepinL (8 incl 6 juvs), 3 Jul (DFS); LCal (Eggers Wds FP) (ad ♂ carrying food for yg), 8 Jun (WJM). **MC**: 18, see above; 8, see above; 6, Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co), 5 Jun (NG, GAW, CLW). **Others**: Goose Lake CA (McHenry Co) (4♪♂), 19 Jun (BJS); Lakewood FP (BrobergM, Lake Co) (2♂ @ historic nesting area), 12 Jun (SDB, SLD); Pingree Grove (Kane Co) (♂), 5&13 Jun (LLH & BSl resp); PaulDouglas (♂), 9 Jul (JE); GreenR (♂), 18 Jun (DTW); HennepinL (4 ad), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV).

Brewer's Blackbird

MCHenry (Dunham Rd sod farm), 29 Jul (KML); IBSP (So. Unit) (2), 29 May (BJS); WaterfallGlen (3♂, ♀), 13 Jul (REF).

Common Grackle

Breeding: CBG (ads carrying nest material to nest sites), 23 Apr (ABA); LOW (caught moth & carried to nest/yg), 26 May (CKA); MeadbrkPk (ad feeding fledgling), 12 Jun (CKA); Urbana (ad building nest in pine), 23 Apr (CKA). **MC**: 600, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); 277, Pontiac_, 24 Jun (VMK); 232, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 218, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 207, Waynesville_, 28 Jun (VMK); 179, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 165, Fairbury_, 23 Jun (VMK); 150, Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 120, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK).

Brown-headed Cowbird

Breeding: JP (few yg but 1st noted 6 Jul, and YWAR only known host), season (PRC); MeadbrkPk (pr cop), 25 May & (fledgling), 20 Jun (CKA). This species eggs/yg also noted in the nests of ACFL, EAPH, BEVI, SAVS, NOCA & BLGR (see those species accounts). **MC**: 600, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 100, Sang, 8 Jul (HDB); 66, Union_, 12 Jun

(SDB); 60, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 60, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 59, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 30, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 28 (13♂, 15♀), White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 26, BeaverdamL_, 8 Jun (VMK); 22, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 22, Belknap_, 9 Jun (VMK); 21 (16♂), RollinsSav, 8-9 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co) (17, 16♪♂), 3 Jul (SDB); Highland Twp (Grundy Co) (18♂, 6♀), 8-29 Jun (SDB); BraidwoodL (24), 3 Jul (JBH); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (21), 8 Jun (MEF).

Orchard Oriole

Breeding: IBSP (Sand Pond) (ad in nest), 19 Jun (JRS, BD); Fermi (pr w/♀ carrying food), 9 Jul (PK); LOW (♀ flying w/fecal sac), 23 Jun & (♀ w/fledgling), 7 Jul & (♀ carrying food in different area than 7 Jul), 8 Jul (CKA); MeadbrkPk (1st yr ♂ carrying food), 4 Jul (CKA); RiverBend (pr cop, then ♀ entered nest), 29 Jun, but abandoned 3 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 20, *Union*, 9 Jun (VMK); 10, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 8, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 8, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 5-6, GLPSNA, 3 Jul (RDH); 6♪♂, Bonnie's Pra NP (Iroquois Co), 25 Jun (SDB); 6, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5 (4♪♂), RollinsSav, 17 Jun-9 Jul (SDB); 5, BraidwoodL, 13 Jul (JBH); 5, KankakeePks, 4 Jul (JBH); 5, Sang, 16 Jun (HDB); 5, Kell_, 29 May (SDB). **Others**: LostMound (3), 24 Jun (EA et al.); Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (2♪♂), 1 Jul (SDB); Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (3), 5 Jun (DTW); Rckfd (Apt; 1st yr ♂ & ad ♂), 1 Jul (DTW); Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co), 30 May (CAT, TLK); Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co), 19 Jun (BJS); COLSP (4♂), 11-24 Jun (EWW); IBSP (2), 16 Jun (EWW); Mettawa (Lake Co) (♪♂), 11 Jun (SDB, SLD et al.); MidSav, 25 Jun (AR); White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (2♪♂), 3 Jun (SDB); Nachusa (pr incl 1st yr ♂), Jun (ABH); Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 5 Jul (AA); Campton FP (Kane Co) (♂), 22 Jun (ABH); GreeneVal (3+♪♂), 28 Jun (MAM); Danada FP (DuPage Co), 2 Jul (JMS); Fermi, 19 Jun (PK); Salt Crk Wds FP (Cook Co) (3), 5 Jun (DFS); MlrMdws (♪♂), 12 Jun (EG); SwallowCliff (♀), 28 Jun (DFS); Cherry Hill Wds FP (Cook Co) (2♪♂ & 1 1st yr ♂), 11 Jun (RLS); Black Partridge FP (Cook Co) (2♪♂, incl a 1st yr), 19 Jun (SDB); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 5 Jun (FRM); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (2 locales), 4 Jun (RLS); Catalina Grove FP (Cook Co) (2), 4 Jun (RLS); Alba Twp (Henry Co) (♪1st yr ♂), 29 Jun (SDB); GLPSNA (2), 3 Jul (RDH); Midewin (2♪♂), 22 Jun (BJS); Goodfarm Twp (Grundy Co) (♪♂), 8 Jun (SDB); Mather Wds FP (Will Co), 19 Jun (JVs); DuPage River Confluence FP (Will Co) (2♪♂), 6-28 Jun (SDB); Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co) (1st yr ♂), 4 Jun (JBH); KankakeePks (2), 8 Jul (JBH); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co) (2), 15 Jun (MEF); Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co) (4, 3♂), 1 Jun (MJW); Milford_ (4), 25 Jun (SDB); CampPoint_ (4), 4 Jun (VMK). **Note**: Fermi (♀ noted picking apart & feeding on a hatchling bird), 25 Jun (PK).

Baltimore Oriole

Breeding: Rckfd (Apt) (pr feeding 2 yg), 11 Jul (DTW); Mundelein (Lake Co) (♀ carrying off dozens of provided lengths of yarn several times each day to build nest in neighbor's yard), Apr-May (SDB, SLD); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad bringing food to nest w/begging yg), 20 Jun (MM); MlrMdws (nest), 12 Jun (EG); Skokie Lagoons (Skokie, Cook Co) (pr @ nest w/2 chicks & 1 unhatched egg, yg died after branch nest was on, fell after bad storm), mid-Jun (RCw); JP (3 active nests on 18 Jun (PAD et al.), w/ several yg noted (PRC); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (♀ carrying food for yg), 26 Jun (WJM); RiverBend (pr feeding nestlings), 15 Jun (CKA). **MC**: 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 1 Jun (DMK); 20, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 16, JP, 26 Jun (PRC); 14, Sang, 13 Jun (HDB); 6, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 6 (5♪♂), RollinsSav, 17-18 Jun (SDB); 6 (4♪♂), Bachelor's Grove FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun-3 Jul (SDB); 5, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH).

Baltimore Oriole. Evergreen Lake, McLean County. 16 June 2011. Photo by Ben Murphy.

House Finch

Breeding: Rckfd (pr @ feeder w/3 downy-headed juvs), 22 May (DTW); Dwight (Livingston Co) (pr attending to 3 juv, downy, nestlings/fledglings(?) standing in remains of old AMRO nest w/feathers & other material added to it, on side of motel), 7 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 20, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 17, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 9, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 20 Jun (KAM).

Pine Siskin

Breeding: Downers Grove yard (DuPage Co) (1-4 birds, late May – 30 Jul incl ad feeding fledglings) (REF). **Others**: MidSav, 11 Jun (SBB); Lansing (Cook Co) (2), thru 4 Jun (DG); Forreston (Ogle Co) (@ feeder), 14 Jul (ASt).

American Goldfinch

Breeding: Rckfd (pr w/4 juvs following ads, begging), 23 Aug (BCW); KankakeePks (ad carrying nest material), 14 Jul (JBH); MeadbrkPk (♂ carried food to low nest), 11 Jul but ♀ still on nest 25 Jul; nest empty 8 Aug (CKA). **MC**: 87, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 60, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 53, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 40, Levee Rd (Randolph Co), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); 36, RollinsSav, 17 Jun-8 Jul (SDB); 34, BraidwoodL, 13 Jul (JBH); 32, RollinsSav, 17 Jun-9 Jul (SDB); 28, Milford_, 25 Jun (SDB); 24, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 7 Jul (SDB); 22, KankakeePks, 11 Jul (JBH); 21, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 17, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT, TLK); 14, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 13, Orangeville (Stephenson Co), 6 Jul (SDB); 12, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK). **Other**: JP (8♂, 6♀), 19 Jun (PRC).

American Goldfinch. Alma, Marion County. 3 June 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

House Sparrow

Breeding: Zion (Lake Co) (gathering nest material), 29 Apr (EWW); JP (begging yg 1st noted 6 Jul (PRC); *Champaign* (5 birds going to separate nests behind Marathon sign [on which EUST also nesting]), 7 Apr (CKA); Champaign (ad feeding fledgling in backyard), 8 Jun (CKA); MeadbrkPk (♀ carrying nest materials to nest under bridge), 11 Apr & (2nd nest built under same bridge), 20 Jun & (pr carrying food to nestbox in pk garden), 19 Jun (CKA). **MC**: 345, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK); 326, Jamestown_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, ESTL, 1 Jun (DMK); 120, St. Morgan_, 5 Jun (KAM); 120, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (DMK); 113, Sherburnville_, 5 Jun (JBH); 86, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); 64, Fairbury_, 23 Jun (VMK); 61, Martinsville_, 24 Jun (SDB); 58, Union_, 12 Jun (SDB); 52, Athens_, 1 Jul (VMK). **Other**: JP (33), 27 Jul (PRC).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Breeding: GreenR (pr @ nest), 26 Jun (EWW). **MC**: 60, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40, Sang, 31 Jul (HDB); 18, Camp Point_, 29 May (VMK). **Others**: **GreenR**, 13 Jul (JL); Emiquon (2), 23 Jul (KAM); So. Otter Twp (Macoupin Co) (3), 21 Jun (SDB); North Hurricane Twp (Fayette Co) ("several"), 24 Jul (DJM).

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch

Breeding: Wauk (pr flying to & from partially built nest in pine, w/nest material, some of which was taken from last years old RWBL nest), 9 May (SDB, PAM:ph). 1st Illinois nest record for this species.

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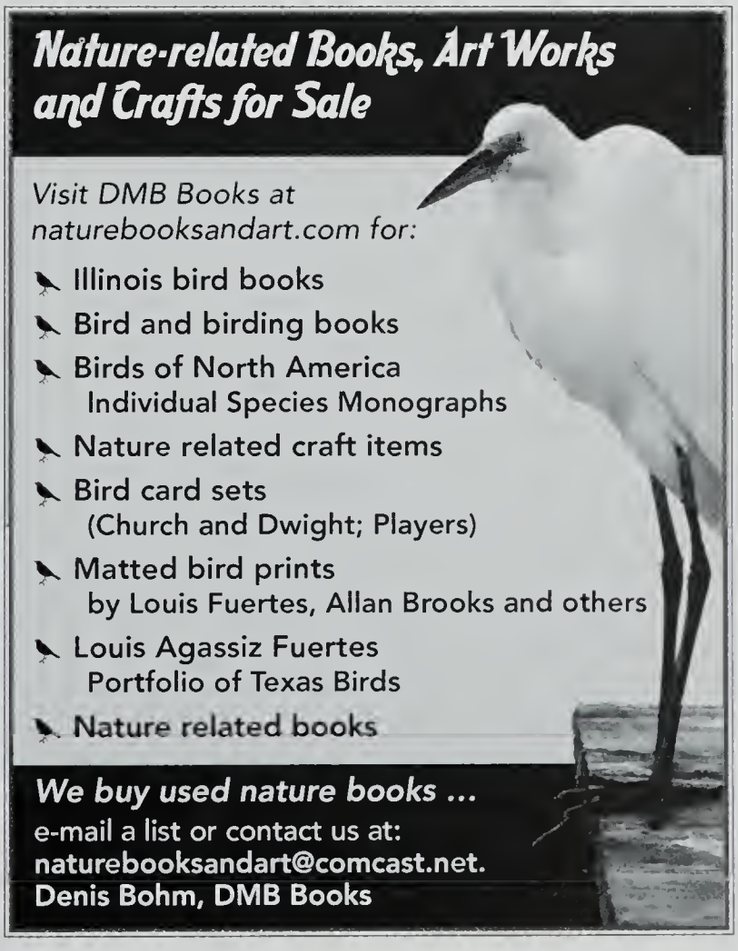
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